

New plan to woo NRI scientists

New Delhi: India has moved from an era of 'brain drain' to 'brain gain' as over 1,000 Indian scientists have returned to work in India from reputed foreign institutions during the three years of the Modi government and more would join under special initiatives being taken by the science and technology ministry, Union minister Harsh Vardhan said on Tuesday.

The ministry is set to launch a specific scheme VAJRA or Visiting Advanced Joint Research Faculty Scheme next month to attract distinguished scientists from abroad as visiting or adjunct faculty. Under VAJRA, the scientist will reside in India for up to three months in a year but maintain an adjunct status. A salary of \$15,000/month will be provided. TNN