

## State to build research hub

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**New Town:** The state government has decided to set up a research centre with modern facilities, education minister Partha Chatterjee said on Monday.

"We all know research facilities in our state are not enough. The state government has been planning to set up a centre where scholars can avail themselves of certain facilities for carrying out research. We are trying to set up the centre soon," Chatterjee said while addressing a programme to commemorate the first anniversary of St Xavier's University on its New Town campus.

The minister said details of how the centre would function were yet to be finalised. Initial-



Education minister Partha Chatterjee offers cake to Father Felix Raj, the vice-chancellor of St Xavier's University, on Monday. Picture by Sanjoy Chattopadhyaya

ly, it will function out of a building of the state higher education council that is coming up in Salt Lake.

The centre will later have a campus of its own, which will be equipped with modern research facilities.

"To start with, the centre will be equipped with digital libraries where researchers can access theses and documents related to research conducted in institutes in India and abroad," Chatterjee said.

The centre, a source in the

higher education department said, will allow researchers associated with other institutes to use its facilities.

Chatterjee, while addressing the gathering, urged the university to build proper facilities for advanced researches in science and social sciences. "Apart from offering undergraduate and postgraduate courses, see that you excel in the field of research as well," the minister said.

Chatterjee advised students to respect teachers in order to be successful in life.

"Being a good student and excelling in studies is not all. This is my humble request to you to learn to respect your teachers," Chatterjee said.

He later appreciated the way discipline was being maintained at all St Xavier's institutions.