

# 'On a romantic mission to shake-up the system'

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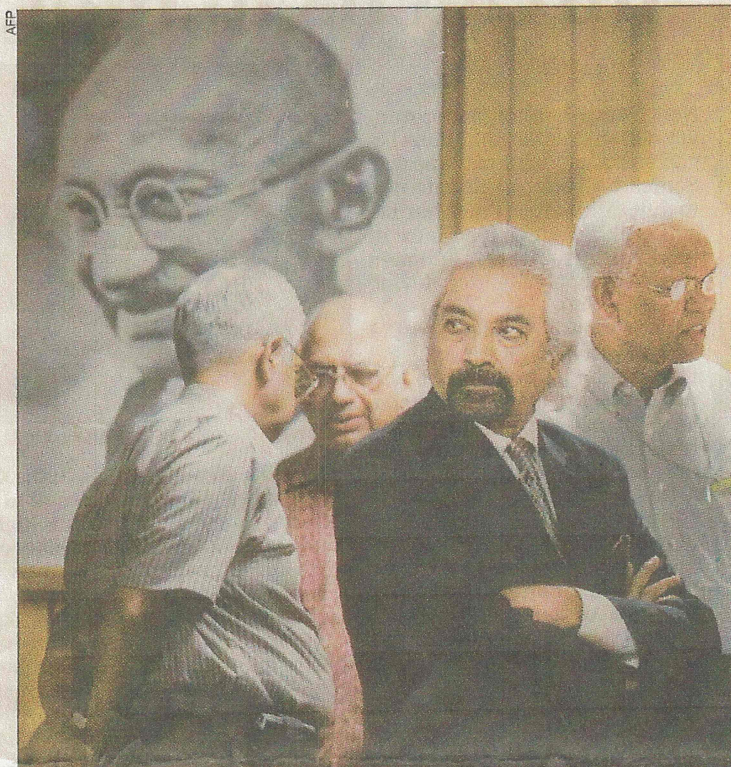
**New Delhi:** Saying that he was embarking on a "romantic mission" to "shake up the system," Sam Pitroda, chairman of the Knowledge Commission, said that his team of seven eminent members will look to revamp the creation of knowledge and its application.

On the agenda is a restructuring of the education system, its spread to a larger section of populace and simplification of governance to make life simpler for the common man.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's newly-constituted Knowledge Commission, which ended its three-day deliberations on Thursday, will submit its first set of recommendations in October. Pitroda promised the body will not come out with a "voluminous report that gathers dust but give concrete actionable points".

He was talking to reporters after the meeting which was attended by the PM. For implementation, the PM has selected a team of six ministries to analyse the recommendations and then work on their implementation.

Pitroda said the panel, which has a three-year term, aimed to discussing knowledge from five



**CHARTING A NEW COURSE:** National Knowledge Commission chairman Sam Pitroda, during a meeting of the panel, in New Delhi on Thursday.

perspectives which include access (as in affordability to right to information), its creation, application and services like e-governance.

For the man, who oversaw the telecom revolution under Rajiv Gandhi, this is a mandate which is challenging but also exciting.

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