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## Course on rubber compounding started at IIT Bhubaneswar

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A short term course on basics of rubber compounding has commenced at the IIT Kharagpur Extension Center, Samantapuri Campus, Bhubaneswar.

This is the first short term course on rubber technology organised by the SMMME IIT Bhubaneswar. Dr Sawar Dhanania, the Chairman of Rubber Board inaugurated the session.

Dr Dhanania, stressed on the need of Rubber Technology Education and Research in the state of Odisha which has tremendous potential in the growth of Rubber Plantation. The state has already a plantation area of more than 10,000 hectares in Mayurbhanj, Dhenkanal and Gajapati districts.

It can further be spread to other areas by collaborative efforts of Rubber Board and the Government of Odisha, he said.

Professor Sujit Roy the Dean (R&D) and the Acting Director of IIT Bhubaneswar and Professor Swarup Mohapatra, the Dean, Continuing Education also addressed the inaugural session.

Professor Golok Bihari Nando the co-ordinator of the course and a Professorial Fellow of the Institute stated the objectives of the course.

He said it aimed to create an awareness among the stakeholders in the country that Rubber Technology education and skill development can be pursued in the state particularly in IIT Bhubaneswar and also to bring IIT Bhubaneswar into the Rubber Map of the country.

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