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IITBBS course on rubber technology

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Bhubaneswar: The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar (IITBBS) has commenced a 'one-of-its-kind' short-term course 'Basics of Rubber Compounding'.

Ten participants are attending the five-day course, which started on August 8. Institute administrators said this is the first short-term course on rubber technology ever organised by the IITBBS. The course is being offered to persons working in different sectors of rubber and polymer industries.

Sawar Dhanania, the Rubber Board's chairman while inaugurating the course had said, "Odisha has tremendous potential for growth of rubber

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plantation. Such courses should be regularly provided to people engaged in the rubber industries and sectors."

Odisha already has a rubber plantation area of more than 10,000 hectares. The rubber plantation is being undertaken in Mayurbhanj, Dhenkanal and Gajapati districts. "It can be further extended to other areas by collaborative efforts of Rubber Board and the state government," the chairman said.

Prof Golok Bihari Nando, a fellow of IITBBS, who is coordinating the course, said the objective is to create awareness among the stakeholders.

An official source said the IITBBS is planning to offer such courses on a regular basis. "Such unique courses are the need of the hour," an IITBBS administrator said.