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**CITY HAPPENINGS**

**Rubber technology course at IIT**

A short term course on basics of rubber compounding was launched at the IIT Kharagpur Extension Center, Samantapuri Campus in City's Jaydev Vihar area recently. This is the first short term course on Rubber Technology, ever organised by the SMMME IIT Bhubaneswar. Sawar Dhanania, the chairman, Rubber Board, was the chief guest on the occasion in the inaugural session of the course. It commenced on August 8 at 9.30 AM. Dhanania, stressed on the need of Rubber Technology Education and Research in the state of Odisha which has tremendous potential in rubber plantation. The State has a plantation area of more than 10,000 hectares in Mayurbhanj, Dhenkanal and Gajapati districts. Professor Golok Bihari Nando, the co-ordinator of the course, and a professorial fellow of the Institute stated the objectives of the course was to create an awareness among the stake holders in the country that Rubber Technology education and skill development can be pursued in the State.