

'IIT-BHU will contribute to east UP's development'

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VARANASI: Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Banaras Hindu University (IIT-BHU), Prof Pramod Kumar Jain has said that the institute will definitely play its roles in complementing the technical and managerial needs of farm producing company, artisans and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) of eastern UP.

"We are privileged to have immense human and technical resources besides rich pool of technical and analytical equipment which will be of great use to these sectors. Together all of us can put eastern UP on the path of rapid development," said Jain at the inaugural session of three-day institute-industry-society conclave that began at the IIT-BHU on Friday. He also said the conclave will help understand the technical needs of these sectors.

Teaming communication among institute, industry and society as the first step of development, conclave coordinator Prof Pradeep Kumar Mishra, said, "Institute has enough resources to help the society. This event is an effort to understand the technical needs of the cottage industry and SMEs of Purvanchal through dialogue with stakeholders."

He thanked the IIT-BHU director for providing such a platform where stakeholders



• Prof Pramod Kumar Jain director, IIT-BHU, at the inaugural session of three-day institute-industry-society conclave. HT

and engineers are holding dialogues to understand the needs and later extend support.

NABARD district development manager Sushil Tiwari explained GI products of Varanasi registered under IPR. "This conclave will definitely bring a big change in the society and will create economic strength in the true sense. This new experiment in Varanasi will establish a fine example in the country," Tiwari said.

"Big companies defeat skilled workmen in competition whereas their products are well created and superb in comparison to the products of these so called big industries. The main reason for their defeat is the absence of skilled training, sophisticated tools and lack of market knowledge", assistant

director, MSME Varanasi, VK Verma said. Nearly 100 skilled professionals focused on handicrafts, cottage industry and agricultural products.

Soil scientist Prof Ramesh Chandra Tiwari, IIT-BHU ex-director Prof SN Upadhyay and district development manager of NABARD Sushil Tiwari attended the session as expert.

Solar dryer, cooker inaugurated

The IIT-BHU director inaugurated solar dryer and solar cooker manufactured by IIT-BHU alumnus Gaurav Kedla.

The main objective of these tools is that farmers can cook their food during their work as well as they can preserve their products through the use of dryer. Both the tools will be available at the centre.

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