

'MSMEs lack R&D, need tech back up'

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Varanasi: IIT-BHU will organize a three-day industry-institute-society conclave from August 31 to September 2 to initiate dialogue with stakeholders for overall development of the society and to support micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

Talking to reporters on Wednesday, conclave convenor and head of department of chemical engineering and technology Prof. P K Mishra said MSMEs are the engine of growth but need technical back up as most of them do not have their own R&D unit/section.

Cottage industries dealing with various crafts and

arts such as wooden toys, meenakari, zardozi, Banarsi saree, stone carving, artificial pearl, food processing need technical support.

He said that on the inaugural day, a dialogue cottage industries, handicraft and farmer producer groups would be held. It would be followed by the dialogue with MSMEs on September 1 and social and non-governmental organizations on September 2.

IIT-BHU aims at holistic development of country and Purvanchal in particular, which in spite of having all the necessary ingredients like natural resources and skilled man power, is a relatively under developed region of the country.

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