

Eco-friendly village designs discussed

Amid the buzz about the need to create smart villages, Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, (IIT-Gn) conducted a workshop on 'How Design Can Change the Ecosystem of Rural India' at the 'Design for a Billion' International Conference on Sunday. A US firm, which has successfully installed a new variant of portable solar cookers in a large number of villages in Orissa, Jharkhand and Rajasthan, made a live presentation on how the system can be replicated in other rural parts of the country. The innovators had observed that almost 87% of families in rural northwest India depend on firewood for
