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IIT-Gn hosts conference on safety

Two-day international conference on safety started at new campus of Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, on Friday. The conference has 400 participants from various IITs and institutes from countries such as the US, Netherlands, Israel, China and Kuwait. S B Mathur, director general of Factories Advice Services and Labour Institutes, was the chief guest at the event. Mathur said around 15% of factory workers in the country are working under 'hazardous conditions' as per Factories Act. "We need to instill trust in the global arena that we can work with highest standard of machinery with safety in mind," he said. Sudhir Jain, director, IIT-Gn, said that the loss of lives during the 2001 earthquake was not merely caused by the earthquakes, but by human failure to construct safer buildings. TNN