# **Industry Visit Report**

Company Name: Lalbaba Tyre Company, Haldia

Date of Visit: 14/03/2024

Time: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

## 1. Introduction

On the 14th of March, 2024, a team of students and faculty members from Jadavpur University visited the Lalbaba Tyre Company located in Haldia. The purpose of the visit was to gain insights into the manufacturing processes, quality control measures, and overall operational procedures of a leading tyre manufacturing company.

# 2. Organizing Committee

• Innovation and Incubation Centre (IIC), Jadavpur University (JU)

• Entrepreneurship Cell (ECell), Jadavpur University (JU)

• Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE)

# **Teacher Coordinators in Charge:**

• Rajib Bandyopadhyay

• Pranibesh Mondal

# **Student Coordinator in Charge:**

• Samayan Mazumder, Project Fellow, IIC

• Asif Ali

# 3. Arrival and Reception

The visit commenced at 10:00 AM with a warm welcome by the HR Manager, Mr.A Saha. The team was given an overview of the company's history, mission, and achievements. The introductory session included a brief presentation on the company's product line, market reach, and future prospects.

# 4. Plant Tour

## 4.1. Raw Material Processing

The first stop on the tour was the raw material processing unit. Here, we observed the initial stages of tyre production, including the processing of natural and synthetic rubber. The tour guide explained how raw materials are sourced and tested for quality before being processed.

#### 4.2. Mixing and Compounding

Next, we visited the mixing and compounding area where raw materials are blended to create the rubber compound. The state-of-the-art Banbury mixers used in this process ensure uniformity and quality of the rubber. We learned about the importance of maintaining precise temperature and pressure conditions during this stage.

## 4.3. Tyre Building

The tyre building section was particularly fascinating. We watched as skilled workers and automated machines assembled the various components of a tyre, including the tread, sidewalls, and beads. The guide explained how precision and accuracy are crucial in this stage to ensure the durability and performance of the final product.

#### 4.4. Vulcanization

In the vulcanization department, we saw the rubber compounds being cured and hardened in moulds. The process involves high temperatures and pressures, transforming the pliable rubber into the resilient and elastic material that constitutes a tyre. The significance of this process in determining the final properties of the tyre was highlighted.

#### 4.5. Quality Control

The quality control lab was our next destination. Here, we observed rigorous testing procedures, including durability tests, tensile strength tests, and x-ray inspections. The company's commitment to quality was evident through their comprehensive quality assurance processes. We were impressed by the technological advancements and meticulous attention to detail in ensuring product reliability and safety.

## 4.6. Warehouse and Distribution

Finally, we toured the warehouse and distribution centre. The logistics manager explained the inventory management system and how tyres are stored, packaged, and shipped to various destinations. The efficiency of their distribution network was emphasized, ensuring timely delivery to customers.

## 5. Interactive Session and Q&A

The visit concluded with an interactive session and Q&A with the company's senior management. Students had the opportunity to ask questions about the company's operations, challenges, and future plans. The discussion also touched on the latest trends in the tyre industry, sustainability initiatives, and career opportunities.

## 6. Conclusion

The visit to Lalbaba Tyre Company was an enlightening experience, providing valuable insights into the tyre manufacturing industry. The knowledge gained from observing the

intricate processes and interacting with industry professionals was invaluable. We express our heartfelt gratitude to the management and staff of Lalbaba Tyre Company for their hospitality and for providing us with this enriching learning opportunity.

## Acknowledgements

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the management and staff of Lalbaba Tyre Company for their warm welcome and the effort they put into making our visit informative and memorable.

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