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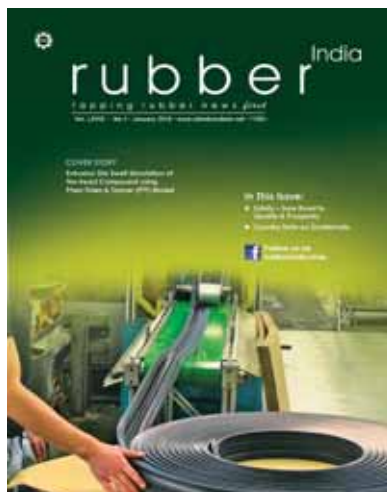
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Tire manufacturing involves mixing of raw materials such as rubber, carbon black, and chemicals followed by shaping of different specific components that are assembled and cured. Some of the important components like tire tread and sidewalls are exclusively produced by extrusion process in which the molten polymer is conveyed by a ram or a screw and the melt is then forced through a shaping die in a continuous process.

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I remember a funny incident when I visited a vegetable oil refining plant to carry out a valuation of the property, which consisted of the land, building, plant & machinery. While inspecting the plant, I observed that the entire tiled floor was slippery because of the oil, making it difficult for me to walk on the floor. The maintenance engineer with me was walking comfortably,

since he was used to walking on such a slippery floor. I slipped twice but was saved miraculously as I grabbed and held on to one of the parts of the machinery.

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