



## IN BRIEF

# Rubber output rises 8% in Oct

Natural rubber production rose 8% to 67,000 tonne during last month, while imports increased 63% to over 62,000 tonne, according to Rubber Board's provisional data.

Production stood at 62,000 tonne in October 2017. Natural rubber consumption also rose to 1.02 lakh tonnes last month from 89,000 tonne in the same month last year. Imports rose sharply to 62,047 tonne from 38,048 tonne, while exports dropped to nil from 479 tonne during the period under the review. During April-October period, natural rubber production has fallen to 3.44 lakh tonne from 3.82 lakh tonne.