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Need for change in production process

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Kanpur: Sugar experts from countries US, UK and Australia on the eve of the international symposium at premier National Sugar Institute (NSI) emphasized on the fact that Indian sugar producers need to change their production methodology to compete with international markets.

The scientists along with the scientists and sugar experts of NSI said, "While India produces sugar from sulphitation process, the global market trades in the raw and refined qualities of sugar. The need of the hour is that Indian sugar mills produce raw and refined sugar varieties to compete in the global market."

The expert team including Malcom Topfer, Director of Sugar Knowledge International Limited in UK, Michael Saska, ex-professor, Audobon Sugar Institute, University of Louisiana in US, Dr Jan Zhang from Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane and A Chudasama, editor of International Sugar Journal in



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UK deliberated that the need of the hour is that the refined sugar be produced as the buyers for the same were increasing in the global market.

Malcom Topfer said that there are no sugar mills in the UK but raw sugar is purchased and refined before being sold there. He said that refined sugar is better in quality than the sugar produced from sulphitation process.

Prof Narendra Mohan, Director, NSI, informed that sugar produced from sulphitation by the Indian sugar mills is inferior in quality than the refined sugar. "Sugar should be branded and sold in packets just like salt is available as a packaged item."

