

## Vigilance Awareness Week at CSIR-CBRI, Roorkee

CSIR-Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee celebrated the **Vigilance Awareness Week** with the theme "**Eradicate Corruption: Build a New India**" during **October 29-November 03, 2018**. **Dr. Suvir Singh**, Chief Scientist coordinated Vigilance Awareness Week.



**Dr. N. Gopalakrishnan, Director, CSIR-CBRI, Roorkee** inaugurated the programme by administrating the **Vigilance Oath**. The scientists and staff took the pledge to maintain honesty and transparency in all spheres of their activities, to work unstintingly for eradication of corruption in all spheres of life, to remain vigilant and work towards the growth and reputation of our organization and through collective efforts, bring pride to the Institute by providing value based service to the nation.



A team from CSIR-CBRI, Roorkee organized **Gram Sabhas at village panchayats** to spread awareness amongst the villagers, on the fight against corruption. In addition, **Essay Writing Competition** and **Poster Competition** were organized for the students in the schools of the villages - Government Higher Secondary School, Beldi-Haridwar and Government Model Primary School, Belda I Roorkee.



Under the guidance of **Dr. Atul Kumar Agarwal**, Senior Principal Scientist, **Debate Competition** and **Quiz Competition** was organized for the **students of class 11**. About **200 students** from Kendriya Vidhyalaya No. 1, Children's Senior Academy, Greenway Modern Senior Secondary School, Doon Public School and Army Public School No. 2 participated in the programme.



In the **winners of the debate competition**, Vartika Chauhan of Doon Public School stood first, Sharad Singh from Army Public School 2 placed second, Khushi Bhatia from Greenway Modern Senior Secondary School stood third and Kavita Lohan from Children's Senior Academy received the fourth place. Shri S. K. Negi, Chief Scientist and Dr. L.P. Singh, Principal Scientist adjudged the event.



In the **winners of the Quiz competition**, team of Gargi and Aakansha from Kendriya Vidhyalaya No. 1 stood first, team of Nandani Mittal and Suraj Setu from Greenway Modern Senior Secondary School placed second and team of Nancy Patel and Akhilesh Singh from Army Public School 2 received the third place.



A **Slogan Writing competition** for the **employees** of CSIR-CBRI Roorkee and a **Poster Competition** for the children of Institute staff upto **class 5**, were also organized.



**Dr. Atul Kumar Agarwal**, Senior Principal Scientist, presented a **lecture on “Eradicate Corruption: Build a New India”** to sensitise the employees on the issue of corruption. In his lecture, he said that the disease of corruption is spread all over the world, but in the fight against corruption India is far behind other countries. It is disheartening to know that in the fight against corruption India ranks at the 81<sup>st</sup> position in a list of 180 countries and is considered one of the worst offenders in the Asia-Pacific Region. He explained in detail the reasons for the spread of corruption, its bad effects and the laws made for its prevention. He also emphasized on fighting against corruption with unity by bringing transparency and accountability in the work and also mentioned the various rules and laws implemented by the government to achieve the same. He also presented various quotes given by Late Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and said that corruption is the result of our misguided thoughts and there is no gadget so far to curb it. Corruption is not just bound by the office boundaries it can take place anywhere as it is the result of two corrupt minds. He said that the time has come to restore our values and honour honesty to prove that it is more valuable than a corrupt person's earnings. This will eradicate the termite of corruption in our nation. We have to unite in the fight against corruption just like we did for the polio eradication campaign. Dr. Agrawal also explained the rules and provisions of the Right to Information Act in simple words.

During the **Closing Ceremony**, posters, slogans and banners made in different competitions during the week were displayed. **Dr. S.K. Jain**, Director, National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee, graced the occasion as the **Chief Guest** and **Dr. N. Gopalakrishnan**, Director, CSIR-CBRI, presided over the function.



**Dr. Ashok Kumar**, Chief Scientist conducted the programme and **Shri Anil Kumar**, Administrative Officer presented the vote of thanks. The Vigilance Awareness Week concluded with the prize distribution to the winners of the various programmes organized during the week.