

**Exhibition under 'Samarth-2024' Mass Awareness Campaign on Disaster
Risk Reduction at Ridge, Shimla (HP)
13 to 15 Oct., 2024**

The CSIR-CBRI team from Roorkee actively participated in the exhibition under the *Samarth-2024* Mass Awareness Campaign on Disaster Risk Reduction, held at the Ridge in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, from October 13 to 15, 2024.



The exhibition attracted a diverse audience, including tourists, NGOs, government and private institutions, students, and local residents, who visited the CSIR-CBRI stall to discuss housing-related concerns. The institute shared valuable insights into its extensive work in building construction and disaster management.

The Honorable Chief Minister, Shri Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, inaugurated the event and received a detailed briefing on CSIR-CBRI's contributions during his visit to the stall. Following this, he officially launched the *Samarth-2024* program, unveiling the "Kavach" book series, co-authored by the CSIR-CBRI team in collaboration with HSPDMA, in the presence of the Director of CSIR-CBRI. Additionally, an MoU was signed between CSIR-CBRI and HSPDMA to provide training for engineers, masons, and construction professionals, underscoring the institute's commitment to enhancing construction skills and disaster resilience.

Throughout the exhibition, hundreds of students from various schools and colleges visited the CSIR-CBRI stall, demonstrating a strong interest in the institute's work and its contributions to building safety and innovation. On the final day, the CSIR-CBRI stall continued to attract numerous visitors who were briefed on the institute's ongoing initiatives and impactful work in the field.

