



**CSIR-Central Building Research Institute**  
**Roorkee (Uttarakhand)**  
**Janjatiya Gaurav Divas**  
**26<sup>th</sup> November, 2024**

On November 26, 2024, CSIR-CBRI, Roorkee, organized the Valedictory function to mark the culmination of the Janjatiya Gaurav Divas celebrations. The event witnessed the active participation of around 100 students from Sheffield School, Piran Kaliyar, and Government Secondary Schools, Muzaffarnagar, along their faculty members. Dr. S. Maiti inaugurated the event with a brief and insightful introduction to Janjatiya Gaurav Divas.

The event commenced with an inspiring inaugural address by the Prof. R. Pradeep Kumar, Director, CSIR-CBRI setting the tone for the celebrations and emphasizing the importance of the event. The Director emphasized the importance of understanding humanity and cultivating three essential values: integrity, character, and morality, which define us as good human beings.

He further provided a brief historical overview of the struggles against British rule, highlighting how the tribal communities valiantly resisted oppression and made significant contributions to India's fight for freedom and also highlighted the significant contribution of CSIR-CBRI, Roorkee, in designing and structuring EMRS schools across India. These schools are specifically designed to provide quality education to tribal students, ultimately fostering the upliftment of the tribal community and contributing to the nation's progress.

To commemorate Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, CSIR-CBRI, Roorkee, organized a series of events from November 15 to November 26, 2024. These activities included drawing competitions, storytelling competitions, and school visits under the Jigyasa Program, aimed at fostering awareness and appreciation of tribal culture, history, and contributions. The winning students who participated in various competitions held were awarded prizes, leaving them feeling motivated and encouraged.

Sh. Nadeem Ahmad provided a brief introduction to Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, highlighting its significance and explained why it is celebrated. He elaborated on its purpose: to honor the history, cultural heritage, and contributions of tribal communities to India's progress and also provided a brief introduction of the Chief Guest, highlighting their achievements and contributions.

Janjatiya Gaurav Divas is observed annually on 15 November to honour the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, an iconic leader in India's tribal freedom movement. He was a legendary tribal leader, social reformer, and freedom fighter who played a pivotal role in India's history.

Followed by the Chief Guest, Sh. Surender Kumar, Head Master and Social Worker, delivered a motivational lecture. He highlighted the significance of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas and shared his 21-year journey as a teacher, highlighting his contributions to the upliftment of the tribal community.

He spoke about their rich cultural heritage, traditional cuisines, scripts, various Adivasi festivals, folk dances, and musical instruments, emphasizing the significance of preserving and celebrating these traditions. His notable work focuses on the Jaunsar-Bawar area, where he has made significant contributions to water and environmental conservation. He also shared the slogan, "I am Janjatiya, it is my pride; to be Indian, it is my privilege."

At the conclusion of the event, Director Sir presented a shawl to the Chief Guest as a token of love and respect. The event concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Humaira Athar, who expressed sincere appreciation to all participants, organizers, and faculty members for their contributions.

Visiting students were introduced to the Ctesiphon Exhibition Gallery, which showcased the cutting-edge research and innovations at CSIR-CBRI, Roorkee.

The program was enriched by the active participation of Mrs. Kumud Singh, Mr. Avanish, Mr. Mehar Singh, Mr. Aman, Ar. S.K. Negi, Shri Khuspendra Arora, Sh. D.S. Negi, Mrs. Savita, Sh. Anit Pal, Dr. Chandan Swaroop Meena, Dr. Hemlata, Dr. Tabish Alam, Dr. Naveen Nishant, were presented. The seamless coordination of the event was expertly handled by Sh. Nadeem Ahmad, Chief Scientist & Head (ODS Office) ensuring its smooth execution and success.





