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**Skill Development Programme on
‘Disaster Resilient Building Construction in Hills’
(Batch-II)
February 24-28, 2025**

The Outreach & Dissemination Services (ODS) at CSIR-CBRI, Roorkee, organized a five-day skill development training program on "Disaster-Resilient Building Construction in Hills" from February 24 to 28, 2025. This was the second batch under the CSIR Integrated Skill Initiative. The program was sponsored by the Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA) and was conducted for Junior Engineers (J.E.) and Technical Assistants (T.A.) from the Panchayati Raj and Rural Works Department of Himachal Pradesh, covering participants from Kullu and Hamirpur districts. A total of 27 participants attended the program, gaining valuable knowledge and skills to construct disaster-resilient buildings in hilly areas.

Er. Ashish Pippal, Senior Scientist & Program Coordinator, warmly welcomed all participants and provided an overview of the training program. He highlighted the importance of adopting disaster-resilient construction techniques to minimize damage in hilly regions. He also welcomed the esteemed guests on the dais, including Prof. R. Pradeep Kumar, Director of CSIR-CBRI; Ar. S.K. Negi, Deputy Director; and Sh. Nadeem Ahmad, Chief Scientist and Head of ODSO. Additionally, he acknowledged the presence of other colleagues and staff members, appreciating their efforts in successfully organizing the program.

Ar. S.K. Negi spoke about the disasters occurring in Himachal Pradesh and discussed ways to reduce their impact. He also interacted with the participants and asked them to introduce themselves. Prof. R. Pradeep Kumar, Director of CSIR-CBRI, welcomed all participants and elaborated on the effects of disasters, new techniques to mitigate these effects, and the importance of field knowledge in implementing resilient construction practices.

At the end of the training program, Sh. Nadeem Ahmad delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the participants, organizers, and sponsors for their contributions to the successful completion of the program.



Inaugural Session



Group Photo