



CSIR-Central Building Research Institute
Roorkee (Uttarakhand)
Student-Scientist Interaction
Rajkiye Intercollege, Muzaffarnagar
14th November, 2025

Children's Day was observed at CSIR–Central Building Research Institute (CBRI), Roorkee on **14th November 2025** through an educational visit organized under the CSIR–Jigyasa Programme for **120 students** (80 girls & 40 boys) along with 6 faculty members from **Rajkiye Inter College, Muzaffarnagar**. The programme commenced with an introductory address by **Dr. Neeraj Jain, Head ODS, Nodal officer** followed by remarks from **Dr. Chandan Swaroop Meena, Principal Scientist, Co-Nodal officer** who briefed the participants on CBRI's research mandate, technological capabilities, and societal outreach. As part of the exposure visit, students were taken to the Rural Technology Park where they examined sustainable, low-cost rural technologies, eco-friendly building materials, and innovative construction practices, while interacting with researchers to understand their practical relevance. The academic sessions began with a lecture by **Sh. Sidhanta Kumar Naik, Program Manager, TIDES IIT Roorkee**, who provided an overview of India's evolving innovation and start-up ecosystem. This was supplemented by an engaging talk by entrepreneur **Sh. Gaurav Dixit, CEO & Founder, GoHemp**, who shared insights into identifying real-world challenges, developing feasible solutions, and navigating the entrepreneurial journey. The programme concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks delivered by **Er. Ashish Pippal, Principal Scientist** acknowledging the contributions of the speakers, the support of accompanying teachers, and the enthusiastic participation of the students. The event provided a valuable blend of scientific exposure, innovation-driven learning, and experiential understanding, making the Children's Day celebration meaningful and impactful for all attendees.



