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Sub: Observance of Vigilance Awareness week 2023.

Theme: “भ्रष्टाचार का विरोध करें; राष्ट्र के प्रति समर्पित रहें”
“Say no to corruption; commit to the Nation”

Bringing transparency and accountability in governance remains one of the primary means to achieve all round development of the country. The Central Vigilance Commission, as the apex integrity organization of India, adopts different initiatives to strive towards ensuring integrity in public administration. Vigilance Awareness Week is one of the tools of the Commission in increasing public awareness about the perils of corruption. Vigilance Awareness Week is observed every year during the week in which the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (31st October) falls in. The Commission has decided that this year Vigilance Awareness Week would be observed from 30th October to 5th November, 2023 with the following theme:

“भ्रष्टाचार का विरोध करें; राष्ट्र के प्रति समर्पित रहें”
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2. The observance of Vigilance Awareness Week, 2023 would commence with the taking of the integrity pledge (copy enclosed at the **Annexure A**) by public servants in the Ministries / Departments / Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) / Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and all other organizations on 30th October, 2023 at 1100 hrs.

3. In a move towards inculcating the true spirit of participative vigilance, the Commission had earlier issued instructions detailing a **three-month campaign period (16th August, 2023 till 15th November, 2023)** in which following preventive vigilance measures were to be taken up as focus areas by all the Ministries / Departments and Organizations:

- Awareness building about Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers (PIDPI) Resolution,
- Capacity Building programs,

- c. Identification and implementation of Systemic Improvement measures,
- d. Leveraging of IT for complaint disposal,
- e. Updation of Circulars / Guidelines / Manuals,
- f. Disposal of complaints received before 30.06.23.

4. All organizations are advised to conduct activities relevant to the theme that strives to bring about maximum public participation. It is imperative that all organizations should conduct different outreach programs that aim to sensitize the public about the need for transparency and integrity in public governance. A poster on PIDPI has been prepared and is available at **Annexure C**. The poster may be widely circulated and translated to regional languages, wherever feasible. You may prepare your own posters too.

5. Action taken report regarding the six Preventive Vigilance measures that are to be taken up as focus areas during this three-month campaign period should be sent by all to the Central Vigilance Commission as per the format enclosed at **Annexures D (i) to D(vi)** by **8th December 2023 (Friday)**.

6. During Vigilance Awareness Week 2023, special emphasis may be given to engage the youth in various activities emphasizing the importance of integrity and ethics. Organizations should promote activities that involve the youth and foster an environment that re-affirms the importance of their involvement in the fight against corruption.

7. Activities to be conducted within the organizations may include the following:
- a. Employees may be encouraged to take e-pledge by visiting the website. Online "Integrity Pledge" is available at CVC's website (www.cvc.gov.in) and can be accessed by all.
 - b. Conduct workshops/sensitization programs for employees and other stake holders on policies/procedures of the organization and on Preventive Vigilance measures.
 - c. Vigilance Study Circles may conduct different outreach and awareness programs.
 - d. Conduct various competitions such as debates, quiz etc. for the employees and their families on issues relating to anti-corruption.
 - e. Promote the concept of e-Integrity Pledge by persons with whom the organization deals with.



8. Outreach activities for public / citizens may include the following:

- a. All Ministries / Departments / Organizations shall publicize integrity Pledge amongst all employees, their families, vendors / suppliers / contractors / stake holders, students etc. to elicit wider participation. Integrity pledge for citizens and organizations enclosed at **Annexure A and B.**
- b. Organizations may undertake activities such as walkathons, marathons, street plays etc. which have visibility and mass appeal across all strata of society.
- c. Extensive use of social media platforms, bulk SMS / e-mails, WhatsApp etc. for spreading awareness. For different social media related initiatives, the social media handles of the Central Vigilance Commission may be tagged. (Twitter: @CVCIndia; Facebook: CVCofIndia)
- d. Organize grievance redressal camps for citizens / customers by organizations having customer-oriented activities. Similarly, vendor meets may be organized wherever necessary, through online mode or otherwise, whichever is more feasible.
- e. Organize "Awareness Gram Sabhas" for dissemination of information regarding the menace of corruption and the different measures that the public can undertake to redress it, such as complaint portals, etc. As per past practice, Public Sector Banks need to conduct "Awareness Gram Sabhas" at the Branch level in at least two Gram Panchayats. Other organizations may also organize wherever possible. Indicative list of activities which can be conducted as part of "Awareness Gram Sabhas" is at **Annexure E.**

9. Selected Photographs / Media clips may be sent to the Commission by email at the address **coord1-cvc@nic.in**. Photographs and Media clips may be uploaded on departmental / organizational websites.

