

## REPORT OF THE VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK

The awareness week is observed by IGNOU and all its Regional Centers every year in the month of October.

The objectives of *Vigilance Awareness Week* are to:

- Take an Integrity Pledge and as an employee, committing oneself to working following the ethical code of conduct in work and personal life;
- Spread the word on prevention of corruption within and outside the University and the Regional Centers;
- Conduct workshops and campaigns for employees and other stakeholders on the policies/procedures of the University and preventive vigilance measures;
- Conduct various competitions such as debates, quiz etc. for the employees and their families on issues relating to anti-corruption;
- Use University website for dissemination of employees/customer oriented information and to make available avenues for redressal of grievances;
- Bring out special issue of journals/newsletters on vigilance issues;
- Initiate improvements and adopt good practices for wider dissemination and awareness;
- Distribute pamphlets/handouts on preventive activities, whistle blower mechanism and other anti-corruption measures.

The pledge is administered by the Vice Chancellor of the University, currently , Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, to all the employees of the University at a ceremony held at Baba Saheb Ambedkar Convention Centre (CC),the University Auditorium and at the Regional Centers by the respective Regional Directors.

The address focuses on

- how corruption has been and continues to be a major obstacle in economic, political and social development of the country.
- Therefore there is a dire urgency for all organizations and individuals to work in together to eradicate the menace of corruption from our day to day activities.
- The government, citizens all need to do their bit to get rid of corruption from all walks of life from our country.
- To achieve this, all citizens need to be vigilant and commit themselves to standards of honesty and integrity at all times to support the fight against corruption.
- Observance of the Vigilance Awareness Week every year is part of the multi-pronged approach of the Central Vigilance Commission.

## **Integrity Pledge**

The pledge taken by each employee of the University is as follows:

- ✓ I believe that corruption has been one of the major obstacles to economic, political and social progress of our country. I believe that all stakeholders such as Government, citizens and the private sector need to work together to eradicate corruption.
- ✓ I realize that every citizen should be vigilant and commit to the highest standards of honesty and integrity at all times and support the fight against corruption.
- ✓ I, therefore, pledge:
  - To follow probity and rule of law in all walks of life;
  - To neither take nor offer bribe;
  - To perform all tasks in an honest and transparent manner;
  - To act in the public interest;
  - To lead by example exhibiting integrity in personal behaviour;
  - To report any incident of corruption to the appropriate agency.

The university uses social media platforms, viz., Twitter, Whatsapp and Facebook to promote and spread awareness of the Vigilance Awareness Week.