

Messages on Vigilance Awareness Week

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I am glad to know that the State Vigilance Commission under the aegis of the Central Vigilance Commission is observing the 'Vigilance Awareness Week' from 31st October 2016 to 5th November 2016 with the theme **"Public participation in promoting Integrity and eradicating Corruption."**

Integrity is the basic fundamental quality in the discharge of one's official duties having strong moral principles. Corruption is a serious unethical practice that undermines the trust and confidence in public officials. In order to attain a corruption-free society, the citizens, both government servants and general public must share the responsibility for creating awareness on the ills of corruption and refrain from indulging in unethical acts.

The fight against corruption cannot be won without citizens' support, participation and vigilance. There is a need to generate public awareness, advocacy of reforms and active participation of civil societies against the evil of corruption that has seriously affected governance and stalled development.

There is an urgent necessity to form Lokayukta by our Government.

On the occasion of the Vigilance Awareness Week, I appeal to the citizens and the public officials to raise their voice and actively fight against corruption by pleading to work with honesty, integrity and sincerity to eradicate corruption from our society.

I wish the State Vigilance Commission all the best in its endeavour to combat corruption.

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CHIEF MINISTER

1. The 'Vigilance Awareness Week' is observed yearly throughout the country with an objective to reaffirm our commitment to fight corruption and strive to bring about integrity and transparency in all spheres of our activities.

2. This year, the 'Vigilance Awareness Week' is observed from 31st October - 5th November, 2016, under the theme **"Public Participation in Promoting Integrity and Eradicating Corruption"** and I am happy to learn the State Vigilance Commission is observing the 'Vigilance Awareness Week' along with the rest of the country.

3. The basic requirement for any citizen who wants to fight corruption should himself be honest/person of integrity. It is, therefore, necessary that a citizen must decide that he will uphold his own moral character and will not give in to any corrupt practices. The fight against corruption cannot be won without citizens' support, participation and vigilance. There is a need for the Government to actively engage the cooperation of NGO's, seeking the expertise and option of civil societies on good governance and delivery mechanism on development. The media, civic bodies, business associations and other non-governmental organizations play a crucial role in fostering public discussion on corruption and increasing awareness about the impact of corruption. They are important in scrutinizing the performance of the Government and public servants.

4. As we observe 'Vigilance Awareness Week', I would urge upon the citizens to maintain personal integrity while taking up the challenge of fighting corruption.

5. I also urge upon the State Vigilance Commission to maintain high standard of integrity and transparency in its fight to eradicate corruption, and I wish them all the best in its endeavour to combat corruption.

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