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CENTRAL VIGILANCE COMMISSION



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Circular No. 15/09/21

**Sub: Observance of Vigilance Awareness week 2021.**

1. In a move towards commemorating 75 years of India's Independence which falls on August 15, 2022, Central Vigilance Commission in carrying out its duty as the apex anti-corruption body in the country, reaffirms its resolve to fight corruption and ensure integrity in public life to usher in a new era of a self-reliant India. In recognition of this momentous stage in India's journey, the Commission has decided that this year Vigilance Awareness Week would be observed from 26<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2021 with the theme **"Independent India @ 75: Self Reliance with Integrity; स्वतंत्र भारत @ 75: सत्यनिष्ठा से आत्मनिर्भरता"**.
2. Vigilance Awareness Week is observed every year during the week in which the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (31<sup>st</sup> October) falls. Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week is one of the tools used by the Commission to bring together all stakeholders to collectively participate in the prevention of, and the fight against corruption and to raise public awareness regarding the existence, causes and gravity of and the threat posed by corruption. During this week, all organizations are encouraged to bring together all their employees, create awareness regarding common issues related to vigilance and create an atmosphere motivated towards weeding out corruption and unethical practices.
3. Though punishment and penal actions delivered quickly are effective deterrents to corruption, the spirit behind the observation of Vigilance Awareness Week is to sensitize the public against the menace of corruption. All organizations should strive to drive home the idea that the fight against corruption is a collective fight involving everyone. It is

therefore imperative that the public must be motivated to fight against corruption if India is to succeed in its goal towards achieving self-reliance with integrity.

4. The observance of Vigilance Awareness Week 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 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 at 1100 hrs.

5. All organizations are advised to strictly adhere to extant Covid-19 prevention guidelines at all locations and events issued from time to time by the competent authority. In addition, all the organizations should strictly adhere to the economy measures issued by Ministry of Finance vide Department of Expenditure OM no. 7(2)E. Coord/2020 dated 04.09.2020

6. All organizations are advised to conduct activities relevant to the theme, both within and outside their respective organizations, and to conduct outreach activities for public/citizens.

7. Activities to be conducted within the organizations may include the following:

a. In continuation of activities taken up during Vigilance Awareness Week, 2020, the Commission desires that all organizations focus on internal (housekeeping) activities. The indicative list for these activities as well as the format in which response is to be given is enclosed (Annexure C).

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b. 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](http://www.cvc.gov.in)) and can be accessed by all.

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c. The Commission has desired to spread awareness and campaign about "Complaints under PIDPI (Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers)". Two posters in this regard have been prepared and may be displayed at all offices of the organization (Annexure D). A drive may be undertaken to spread awareness regarding the provisions under the PIPDI resolution as well as all related information. Both posters should be placed together and should be translated to local languages, wherever required.

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d. Conduct workshops/sensitization programs for employees and other stake holders on policies/procedures of the organization and on Preventive Vigilance measures.

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e. Use organizational website for dissemination of employees/ customer-oriented information and to make available avenues for redressal of grievances.

f. The systemic improvements and good practices adopted for wider dissemination and awareness may be displayed on the website of the concerned organizations.

g. Conduct various competitions such as debates, quiz etc. for the employees and their families on issues relating to anti-corruption.

h. Promote the concept of e-Integrity Pledge by persons with whom the organization deals with.

8. Outreach activities for public/citizens:

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. **Wide publicity may be given to "Complaints under PIDPI (Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers)". Two posters in this regard have been prepared and may be displayed at all offices of the organization (Annexure D). A drive may be undertaken to spread awareness regarding the provisions under the PIPDI resolution as well as all related information. Both posters should be placed together and should be translated to local languages, wherever required.**

c. Organizations may undertake activities such as walkathons, marathons, street plays etc. which have visibility and mass appeal across all strata of society.

d. Extensive use of social media platforms, bulk SMS/ e-mails. WhatsApp etc. for spreading awareness.

e. 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.

✓ f. Organizations may conduct various outreach activities for dissemination of anti-corruption messages and stressing the vision of a Vigilant India who is moving towards self-reliance with integrity. Online modes may be extensively used, wherever required.

g. Organize "Awareness Gram Sabhas" for dissemination of awareness in Gram Panchayats to sensitize citizens on the ill effects of Corruption. As per past practice, Public Sector Banks need to conduct "Awareness Gram Sabhas" at the Branch level in atleast 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. The two months, September and October, 2021 may be observed as a "Special Clearance Campaign" to clear all outstanding Further Information cases (FI), Implementation of First Stage and Second Stage Advices (FSAs and SSAs), Investigation and reports (I&Rs), Factual Reports (FRs), Complaints (PIDPI), Complaints (Non-PIDPI), Prosecution Sanctions, Departmental Inquiries (DIs) and Comments Awaited on CBI reports (CAs), in respect of all organizations and departments.

A report may be submitted as per format at Annexure F to the Commission.

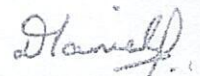
10. Vigilance study circles may also participate actively in the Vigilance Awareness Week by conducting any or all the outreach activities keeping in view Covid-19 guidelines as well as economy measures mentioned in para 5.

11. The Commission expects all organizations to conduct various activities with zeal and enthusiasm to achieve the objective to eliminate corruption in public life. Although all activities need to be conducted during the Vigilance Awareness Week, however, in case of exigencies/holidays etc., the same can also be conducted before or after the Vigilance Awareness Week.

12. Selected Photographs/ Media clips may be sent to the Commission by email at the address [coord1-cvc@nic.in](mailto:coord1-cvc@nic.in). Photographs and Media clips may be uploaded on departmental / organizational websites.

13. A report on the observance of the Week may be sent by all Ministries/Departments/ Organizations to Central Vigilance Commission as per the format enclosed at **Annexure C, F and G** by 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.

14. This notification is also available on the Commission's website at <http://www.cvc.gov.in>.



(P. Daniel)

Additional Secretary

Encl: As stated.

To

- i) The Cabinet Secretary of India
- ii) The Secretaries of all Ministries/ Departments of Government of India

- iii) The Chief Secretaries of all states/ Union Territories
- iv) The Comptroller & Auditor General of India
- v) The Chairman, Union Public Service Commission
- vi) The Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India
- vii) Chief Executives of all CPSEs/ Public Sector Banks/ Public Sector Insurance Companies/ Financial Institutions/ Autonomous Organizations/ Societies.
- viii) All Chief Vigilance officers in Ministries/ Departments/ CPSEs/ Public Sector Banks/ Public Sector Insurance Companies/ Financial Institutions/ Autonomous Organizations/ Societies.

Annexure AIntegrity Pledge for Citizens

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 private sector need to work together to eradicate corruption.

I realize that every citizen should be vigilant and commit to 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 public interest;
- To lead by example exhibiting integrity in personal behavior;
- To report any incident of corruption to the appropriate agency.

Annexure- B

Integrity Pledge for Organizations

We believe that corruption has been one of the major obstacles to economic, political and social progress of our country. We believe that all stakeholders such as Government, citizens and private sector need to work together to eradicate corruption.

We acknowledge our responsibility to lead by example and the need to put in place safeguards, integrity frameworks and code of ethics to ensure that we are not part of any corrupt practice and we tackle instances of corruption with utmost strictness.

We realize that as an Organization, we need to lead from the front in eradicating corruption and in maintaining highest standards of integrity, transparency and good governance in all aspects of our operations.

We, therefore, pledge that:

- We shall promote ethical business practices and foster a culture of honesty and integrity;
- We shall not offer or accept bribes;
- We commit to good corporate governance based on transparency, accountability and fairness;
- We shall adhere to relevant laws, rules and compliance mechanisms in the conduct of business;
- We shall adopt a code of ethics for all our employees;
- We shall sensitize our employees of laws, regulations, etc. relevant to their work for honest discharge of their duties;
- We shall provide grievance redressal and Whistle Blower mechanism for reporting grievances and fraudulent activities;
- We shall protect the rights and interests of stakeholders and the society at large.

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PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE AND PROTECTION  
OF INFORMER RESOLUTION, 2004 (PIDPI)

# IS THERE CORRUPTION AROUND YOU? LODGE A COMPLAINT UNDER PIDPI.

YOUR IDENTITY SHALL BE KEPT  
CONFIDENTIAL

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SEND COMPLAINTS IN WRITING TO:

The Secretary, Central Vigilance Commission  
Satarkta Bhavan , Block-A  
GPO Complex , INA  
New Delhi - 110 023

(MARK THE ENVELOPE AS "PIDPI". COMPLAINTS SHOULD ONLY BE  
AGAINST CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING PSUs, PSBs  
AND UTs etc.)



# PIDPI COMPLAINTS: WHAT ARE THEY? & WHEN SHOULD YOU MAKE THEM?

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Complaints made under Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers Resolution are termed as PIDPI complaints

If any complaint is made under PIDPI, the identity of the complainant is kept confidential

The complaint should be addressed to the Secretary, Central Vigilance Commission and envelope should be marked as "PIDPI"

Only complaints against Central Government officials (including PSBs, PSUs and UTs) will be taken into cognizance

For more details visit <http://www.cvc.gov.in>.

**A VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK  
2021 INITIATIVE**

List of Activities for conducting "Awareness Gram Sabhas" in rural and semi-urban areas

The following is a list of indicative activities for conducting "Awareness Gram Sabhas". However it is mandatory to organize a meeting as indicated at point (1) below.

- (1) Organize meetings in Gram Panchayats inviting all stake holder. Like the Sarpanch members of Gram Panchayat, Self-Help Groups (SHGs), workers of MGNREGA, farmers, students, and citizens. Head of Gram Sabha/Sarpanch or any dignitary could be requested to deliver lecture on awareness against corruption followed by discussion. Anti-Corruption messages in vernacular languages can also be displayed at the meeting.
- (2) Organize competitions like quiz, cartoon, slogans, painting, rangoli, posters and walkathon/ marathon/ cyclathon etc.
- (3) Organize Melas to give wide publicity to the produce/products of the SHGs as motivational tools for integrating them with awareness creation effort.
- (4) Organize evening Choupals/meetings in villages/ panchayats during which short plays/ nautankies/ kalajathas/ folk songs/ puppet shows, etc., can be organized focusing on the theme of Anti-Corruption.

**Requisite norms and guidelines regarding Covid-19 prevention may be followed, wherever applicable.**

Annexure- F

Special Clearance Campaign  
(September-October 2021)

S. N.	Item	Opening Balance as on 01.09.2021	Accrued during September and October	Total	Disposed during September and October	Closing Balance as on 31.10.2021		
						>3months	>6months	Total
1.	FI							
2.	FSA							
3.	SSA							
4.	I&R							
5.	FR							
6.	Complaint (PIDPI)							
7.	Complaint (Non PIDPI)							
8.	Prosecution Sanction							
9.	Disciplinary Inquiry							
10.	Comments Awaited (on CBI report)							

Grand Total-

Activity Report format on Vigilance Awareness Week-2021

Name of the Organisation:

**A. INTEGRITY PLEDGE**

**Table-1: Integrity Pledge**

Total no. of employees who have undertaken e-pledge	Total no. of customers who have undertaken e-pledge	Total no. of citizen who have undertaken e-pledge

**B. ACTIVITIES/EVENTS ORGANISED WITHIN THE ORGANISATION**

**Table-2: Conduct of competitions**

Name of State	City/Place	Specify program (Debate/Elocution/Panel discussion etc.)	Name of first two winners	No. of participants	Whether copy of award winning activities attached

**Table-3: Other Activities**

Sl. No.	Activities	Details
1.	Distribute Pamphlets/Banners	
2.	Conduct of Workshop/Sensitization programmes	
3.	Issue of Journal/Newsletter	
4.	Any other activities	

**C. ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE ORGANISATION**

**Table-4: Involving students in Schools**

Name of State	Name of city/town/village	Name of School	Details of activities conducted (date of activities may also be mentioned)	No. of students involved	Whether copy of award winning activities attached
Total					

**Table-5: Involving students in Colleges.**

Name of State	Name of city/town/village	Name of School	Details of activities conducted (date of activities may also be mentioned)	No. of students involved	Whether copy of award winning activities attached
Total					

**Table-6: "Awareness Gram Sabhas"**

Name of State	Name of city/town/village	Name of Gram Panchayat where "Awareness Gram Sabha" is held	Details of activities conducted (date of activities may also be mentioned)	No. of public/citizens participated
Total				

**Table-7: Seminars/Workshops**

Name of State	Name of city/town/village	No. of seminars/workshops organised	Details of activities conducted (date of activities may also be mentioned)	No. of public/citizens participated

**Table-8: Other activities**

Sl. No	Activities	Details
1.	Display of Banners/Posters etc	

2.	No. of grievance redressal camps held	
3.	Use of Social Media	

**D. DETAILS OF PHOTOS ENCLOSED**

(Photos may kindly be sent alongwith captions and also place & date of event)

Name of the activities held	No. of Photos	Whether photos are in sent in soft copy or hard copy	If in soft copy, number of CDs attached

**E. ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION, IF ANY:**

(Brief write up on the activities conducted during Vigilance awareness Week, not more than in about 1000 words may be attached in a separate sheet)

