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Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs Food & Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
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CIRCULAR

Sub: Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week 2022 from 31st October to 6th November, 2022.

Vigilance Awareness Week is observed every year to encourage all stake holders 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. This year Vigilance Awareness Week would be observed from 31st October to 6th November, 2022 with the theme "**Corruption free India for a developed Nation; भ्रष्टाचार मुक्त भारत - विकसित भारत**".

2. The following activities are planned during the Vigilance Awareness Week, 2022:

Date & Time	Event
31.10.2022, 11:00 AM	Taking Integrity pledge by all employees & officers
02.11.2022, 11:00 AM	Essay writing competition
03.11.2022, 11:00 AM	Slogan competition
04.11.2022, 11:00 AM	e-Lecture on Vigilance matters*

3. All Regular employees posted in the Department except those posted in Vigilance Division will be eligible to participate in the competitions. The topic of Essay and slogan competition would be uploaded on e-office at 10:55 AM on the day of the event. The participants would have to write in their own hand-writing at their work-seat & submit the same either physically in Vigilance section or through email to sovig-ca@nic.in latest by 12:10 PM on the concerned day.

4. The prizes will be distributed as follows:

Rank	Amount
1 st Prize	₹ 5000 /-
2 nd Prize	₹ 4000 /-
3 rd Prize	₹ 3000 /-
Consolation Prize	₹ 2000 /- (for two persons)

5. Willing participants are requested to give their names to Vigilance Section latest by **28.10.2022**.

6. In the event of tie, the prize money will be shared among the participants. Also, the decision of the judges will be final.

7. All officers/staff of the Department are requested to take e-Integrity pledge available on (Departmental website). Integrity pledge for citizens and organisations are also enclosed.

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To

- (i) All Officers/Officials of Department of Consumer Affairs
- (ii) Technical Director, NIC, DoCA with a request to upload the above circular along with the enclosed Integrity pledges on the Department's website.

Annexure A

Integrity Pledge for Citizens

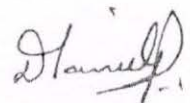
I believe that corruption has been one of the major obstacles to economic, political and social progress of our country.

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- BIntegrity 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.

