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Sub: Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week – 2019

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The Central Vigilance Commission – New Delhi vide their Circular No.05/08/19 bearing No.019/VGL/029/428193 dated 02.08.2019 forwarded by HQrs office vide their letter No. AN/XIII/13006/2A/VAW dated 03.09.2019 has declared that this year, the Vigilance Awareness week - 2019 would be observed from **28th October 2019 to 2nd November 2019.**

2. The Vigilance Awareness week – 2019 should commence with the Integrity Pledge (copy enclosed at Annexure 'A') on **28th October, 2019 at 11.00 am.** It may be noted that the earlier pledge being taken by the public servants has now been replaced by the Integrity Pledge. This year the theme of observing Vigilance Awareness Week – 2019 is **"Integrity – A way of life"**. Corruption can be defined as a dishonest or unethical conduct by a person entrusted with a position of authority, either to obtain benefits to one self or to some other person. It is a global phenomenon affecting all strata of society in some way or the other. Corruption undermines political development, democracy, economic development the environment, people's health and much more. It is, therefore, imperative that the public must be sensitised and motivated towards efforts at weeding out corruption. E-governance combined with systemic changes in procedures, minimal discretion, reduced public interface, technology based procurements and automation will go a long way in tackling corruption. Effective preventive measures to fight corruption and enhancing transparency and accountability in their functioning would contribute positively towards eradicating corruption in their respective sphere of activities and overall functioning of the organization. The key strategy is to encourage all to collectively participate in the prevention of, and fight against corruption and to raise public awareness regarding the existence, causes and gravity of and the threat posed by corruption. With this in view, **"Integrity – A way of life"** has been chosen as the central theme for Vigilance Awareness Week – 2019.

3. Further as outreach activities for public/citizen, in line with the theme of this year, to create greater awareness and participation of the public at large, the Central Vigilance Commission has envisaged a concept of **"Integrity Pledge for Organizations"**. As such two Integrity Pledges have been envisaged enlisting support and commitment of the citizens and the other for corporates/entities/firms etc. Both the "Integrity Pledges" would be available as an e-Integrity Pledges on the Commission's website <http://www.cvc.nic.in>. To make renewed and concerted efforts towards disseminating and publicising the 'Integrity Pledges', the CDA Secunderabad has provided hyperlink to the Integrity Pledges on our website/intranet to enable wider participation of the stake holders. Copies of both the "Integrity Pledges" are enclosed.

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4. In order to achieve the objective of the theme, it is advised to consider organizing and conducting the following activities with zeal and enthusiasm during the Vigilance Awareness Period:-

- Taking of Integrity Pledge by all employees. Employees may be encouraged to taken e-pledge by visiting the website. Those who take the pledge verbally may be advised to record it through the websites.
- Conduct workshops/sensitization programmes for employees and other stake holders on policies/procedures of the organization 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 organizational website for dissemination of employees/customer oriented information and to make available avenues for grievance redressal.
- Bring out special issue of journals/newsletters on vigilance issues/systemic improvements and good practices adopted for wider dissemination and awareness.
- Distribute pamphlets, handouts on preventive vigilance activities, whistle blower mechanism and other anti-corruption measures.
- Promote the concept of e-Integrity Pledge by persons with whom the organization deals with.

5. A report about the activities in the week observed may be forwarded to this office as per the format enclosed at Annexure 'F' by 12th November 2019 so as to furnish a consolidated report to the HQrs office.

6. Please acknowledge receipt of this communication.

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– With a request to provide a hyperlink to Commission's website from CDA Sec'bad website/intranet and uploading this circular in our website.


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