



Observation of 'Vigilance Awareness Week 2023' at AIIMS Rajkot

Theme: "Say no to corruption; commit to the Nation"

Bringing transparency and accountability in governance remains one of the primary means to achieve all round development of the country. The Central Vigilance Commission, as the apex integrity organization of India, adopts different initiatives to strive towards ensuring integrity in public administration. Vigilance Awareness Week is one of the tools of the Commission in increasing public awareness about the perils of corruption. Vigilance Awareness Week is observed every year during the week in which the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (31st October) falls in. The Commission has decided that this year **Vigilance Awareness Week would be observed from 30th October to 5th November, 2023 with the theme: "Say no to corruption; commit to the Nation"**

Under the guidance of Prof. Dr. (Col.) C D S Katoch, Executive Director, AIIMS Rajkot, Chief Vigilance Officer & Deputy Director (Admin) Col. Puneet Kumar Arora organized various activities at AIIMS Rajkot. Dr. Utsav Parekh, Provost, Boys Hostel and Vigilance Officer & Administrative Officer Mr. Jaydevsinh Vala coordinated the activities.

The observance of Vigilance Awareness Week, 2023 would commence with the taking of the integrity pledge (copy enclosed at the **Annexure A**) by public servants in the organization.

In a move towards inculcating the true spirit of participative vigilance, the Commission had earlier issued instructions detailing a **three-month campaign period (16th August, 2023 till 15th November, 2023)** in which following preventive vigilance measures were to be taken up as focus areas by AIIMS Rajkot:

- Awareness building about Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers (PIDPI) Resolution, 2004 (Annexure C)
- Capacity Building programs
- Identification and implementation of Systemic Improvement measures,
- Leveraging of IT for complaint disposal,
- Updation of Circulars / Guidelines / Manuals,
- Disposal of complaints received before 30.06.23.

In view of above, the schedule of activities during the three months campaign starting from August month for undertaking Preventive Vigilance at AIIMS Rajkot was as follows.

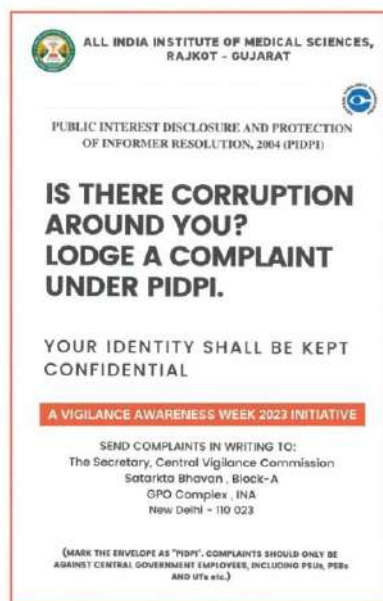
Sr. No.	Month	Activity
1	August	Displaying banner and posters of PIDPI* at hospital premises
2	September	Vigilance Awareness Rally
3	September	Reporting of identification & implementation of systemic improvements
4	October	Poster making on theme 'Preventive Vigilance: Anti-Corruption'
5	October	Videos & Jingle making on theme 'Preventive Vigilance'
6	October	Integrity Pledge for staff members
7	October	Seminar on Provisions of PIDPI
8	October	Session on Cyber Security
9	November	Reporting of updation of Circulars/ Guidelines/ Manuals



ACTIVITIES DURING THE CAMPAIGN

POSTER DISPLAY ON PIDPI AWARENESS

As a part of Vigilance Awareness Campaign, Posters on vital information and PIDPI awareness have been displayed at public areas of AIIMS Rajkot. Posters were translated in Hindi language also.





VIGILANCE AWARENESS RALLY

As a part of Vigilance Awareness Campaign, Vigilance Awareness Rally was organized. Vigilance Cell Officials, Provost, Medical Students, Nursing Officers and Paramedical Staff of AIIMS Rajkot enthusiastically participated to fulfil its objectives.



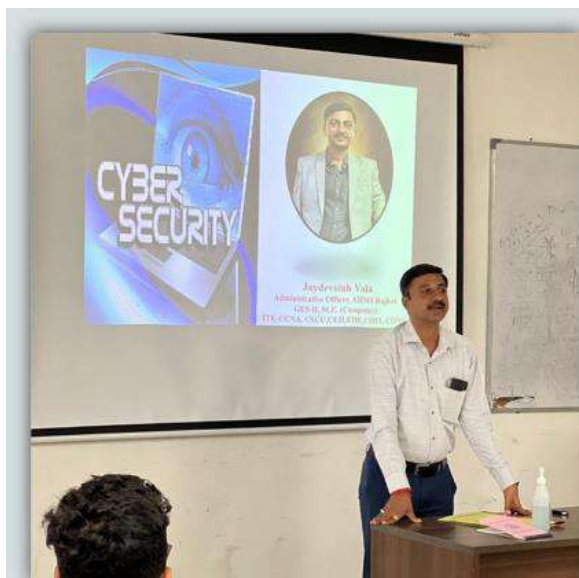


SEMINARS ON VIGILANCE AWARENESS

As a part of Vigilance Awareness Campaign, seminars have been arranged at AIIMS Rajkot explaining the provisions of PIDPI resolution, the correct procedure of filing a PIDPI complaint and common pitfalls/ mistakes made while filing PIDPI complaints.

Seminars on following topics were also arranged:

1. PIDPI Resolution information
2. Vigilance Awareness in day-to-day life
3. Cyber Security (information on gadgets security, data protection and vigilance against cybercrime was provided).





e-POSTER COMPETITION ON VIGILANCE AWARENESS

e-Poster competition was organized FOR MBBS students of AIIMS Rajkot. In this competition, an appreciable number of entries (thirty) received due to active participation of the students. The meritorious entries were appreciated by Certificate of Excellence by I/C Dean (Academics).





INTEGRITY PLEDGE ON VIGILANCE AWARENESS

A pledge on Vigilance Integrity was conducted by I/C Dean (Academics).





Integrity Pledge

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.

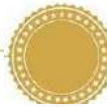
We, therefore, pledge that:

- 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 & PROTECTION OF INFORMER RESOLUTION, 2004 (PIDPI)



WHAT IS PIDPI?

- PIDPI is a resolution of Government of India
- Identity of the complainant is kept confidential for all complaints lodged under it

HOW IS PIDPI COMPLAINT FILED?

- The Complaint should be addressed to Secretary, CVC and the envelope should be superscribed as "PIDPI"
- Name and Address of the complainant should **NOT** be mentioned on the envelope but in the letter inside in a closed cover

GUIDELINES TO ENSURE IDENTITY OF COMPLAINANT REMAINS CONFIDENTIAL

- Complaints that are personally related to the complainant or addressed to other authorities may lead to disclosure of identity.
- Complaints should not be sent in open condition or on public portal
- Documents that reveal identity should not be enclosed or mentioned in the complaint. Eg: documents received under RTI
- Name and Address should be mentioned on the letter inside the envelope for confirmation purposes.
- Complaints where confirmation is not received are closed.
- Anonymous / pseudonymous letters are not entertained

VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK 2023

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