

Chapter –11

VIGILANCE

Under the jurisdiction of Central Vigilance Commission, a part-time Chief Vigilance Officer is appointed to look after the vigilance matters in the Institute. During the period 2006-07, Dr. M.K. Jain, Scientist E-1 looked after the duties of Chief Vigilance Officer in the Institute up to 27.12.2006 and thereafter Sh. R.P. Pandey Scientist E-1 took over the charge of CVO w.e.f.28.12.2006.

During the year 2006-2007, number of actions and initiatives were taken up for maintaining preventive vigilance in the Institute. As a compulsory requirement for Group A and B for filling the property returns, Chief Vigilance Officer collected the returns and issued the receipts to the concerned for reflecting in the Confidential Reports. The Annual Property Returns submitted by the Officers were checked and verified by the Chief Vigilance Officer. Inspections of various Sections/Divisions and Regional Centres of the Institute are being regularly carried out by the CVO from time to time.

Vigilance Awareness Week was observed during November 6-10, 2006 at HQ Roorkee and Regional Centres of the Institute at Belgaum (Karnataka), Jammu (J&K), Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh), Sagar (Madhya Pradesh) and Centres for Flood Management Studies at Patna (Bihar) and Guwahati (Assam).

During vigilance week a pledge was administered on 06.11.2006 to all the Employees of the Institute by the Director, NIH at HQ Roorkee and by the Heads/Incharge at the respective regional centres. Various slogans in English and Hindi were prepared on the Charts and prominently displayed at the entrance and exit gates of the main-administrative building of the Institute at HQ as well as at the Regional Centres. At HQ Roorkee on 07.11.2006, a Poster competition was organized on the topic “Bharastachar ke Anaik Roop”. On 8th November, 2006, a debate competition on the topic “Prashashan Bhrashtachar ko Janm Deta Hai” was organized for the children of various schools in Roorkee City. Fifteen schools of Roorkee City were invited to take part in the competition. An Essay Competition was also organized for NIH employees on 09.11.2006. The topic for the competition was “Samaj Per Bhrashtachar Ka Prabhav”. In addition to the above competitions, a slogan writing competition was also held during the Vigilance Awareness Week, in which all the interested officers & staff were requested to submit slogans in Hindi or English. There was good response to these activities and the performance of the participants was evaluated by Judging Committees constituted under the Chairmanship of Senior Scientists of the Institute. The token prizes were distributed by Director, NIH, to the winners of the competition holding First, Second and Third positions

In Deccan Hard Rock Regional Centre of Institute at Belgaum, all the employees assembled at 11.00 a.m. on the 06th November 2006 and took the pledge. An essay writing competition, on the topic, "Corruption free society: a myth or reality" was organized for high school students from various schools in Belgaum region. Both boys and girls participated enthusiastically in the event. 22 students from 9 schools took part in the essay writing competition.

At Western Himalayan Regional Centre, Jammu, a pledge of vigilance awareness was taken on 6th Nov. 2006 at 11.00 hrs by all Scientists and staff. Banners and posters with anti-corruption slogans were also displayed in the office premises.

At Deltaic Regional Centre, Kakinada the pledge was administered to all employees. Meetings and discussions were organized to convey the importance of Vigilance Awareness Week.

At Ganga Plain Regional Centre of the Institute at Sagar (Madhya Pradesh), all the employees of the Regional Centre took the pledge in English and Hindi on 06.11.2006 at 11.00 a.m. A big banner was prepared and displayed at the main entrance of the office building during the entire week. Various slogans were written on posters and displayed in and around the office premises. A debate was organized on "Corruption and its ill effects on the overall development of the country" on 06.11.2006 and an Essay Competition was held on "Necessity and importance of observing the Vigilance Awareness Week" on 10.11.2006. Also, a Group discussion was held on the closing day of vigilance awareness week.

At Centre for Flood Management Studies (Ganga), Patna, the observance of the week commenced with the pledge taken in Hindi as well as in English on 6th November, 2006 at 11.00 hrs and the discussions were held highlighting the harmful effects of corruption. Also, Posters highlighting anti-corruption slogans were displayed at the Centre.

At Centre for Flood Management Studies (Brahmaputra), Guwahati the pledge was administered to all officers and employees. Posters, banners, anti corruption slogans etc. were also displayed in and around the office complex. A debate and open house discussion on harmful effects of corruption was organized among staff and officers of this centre.

On the last day of the week, a Valedictory Function was organized at HQ, Roorkee in the auditorium of the Institute. Dr. K.D. Sharma, Director, NIH presided over the function. The Awards were distributed by the Director to the winners of the various competitions organized during the Vigilance Awareness Week. The Chief Vigilance Officer of Institute presented a brief account of various activities organized during the week and proposed formal Vote of Thanks.

The Vigilance Cell of Institute is consistently making efforts to bring transparency in various matters regarding publications of tenders, purchase processes and other administrative and financial matters. On the advice of CVO MoWR, actions/decisions are being taken to up load above matter in the Website

of the Institute. The progress of activities of vigilance cell is reported to CVO, Ministry of Water Resources, regularly.

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Dr K D Sharma, Director, NIH awarding the certificate to the winners of various competitions organised for the school children on the occasion of Vigilance Awareness Week during November 6-10, 2006 at NIH Roorkee