

Module 4

Approaches to Vigilance: Punitive, Preventive
and Participative

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Knowledge Sharing

As a part of its efforts towards knowledge sharing and dissemination of information to the stakeholders and the general public, the CVC has undertaken various efforts. Some examples of this outreach are various publications such as VIGEYE VANI and booklets on Preventive Vigilance. During VAW 2022 (Nov 2022), CVC also unveiled a set of Comic books aimed towards the young generation and to bring their attention to various issues related to ethics, integrity and an honest way of Life. Such publications help in spreading the message of a corruption-free and ethical society among the public.

VIGEYE VANI

Central Vigilance commission launched project VIGEYE in Dec 2010 for publishing Newsletters for General Public to provide an interface to citizens to lodge complaints /and make disclosure regarding corruption. Initially, these Monthly Newsletters were brought out as collection of articles from the officials of the Commission.

VIGEYE was a citizen centric initiative and is an acronym for Vigilance Eye. It provided a platform through which information on bribery and corruption could be given to CVC by the public including whistle- blowers and government agencies. Citizens were encouraged to stand up against corruption by becoming a VIGEYE or additional eyes of the CVC and come forward to help the CVC by reporting corruption and fighting it. Links were provided in the CVC website to submit such information.

However, these publications have undergone changes over the years having transformed from monthly to Quarterly Newsletters. Beginning February 2020, specialized editions on different sectors are being brought out incorporating experts from those focus areas. Special editions on Banking, Indian Railways and the Power Sectors were brought out in 2020-21. Efforts are

being taken to represent various sectors of the Government in the Newsletters with special focus on one sector in each issue. The objective of these publications is to document the core competencies and good business practices of these sectors with emphasis on transparency and probity.

Comic Books

During Vigilance Awareness week 2022, CVC launched a set of informative booklets on preventive vigilance to spread the message of a corruption free society. This set of booklets contains interesting stories on the following topics:

- ❖ Individual and joint efforts of the society to fight corruption
- ❖ Need to speak up against corruption
- ❖ Honesty is the Best Policy
- ❖ Professional Integrity
- ❖ Ethics: A Way of Life
- ❖ Conflict of Interest
- ❖ Training-A Preventive Vigilance Tool
- ❖ Public Procurement

The above booklets are designed in an interesting comic book style to attract and engage, especially the young minds, for easy understanding of various aspects of vigilance in day- to- day Life. The Booklets also convey useful information in an easy-to-understand format for complaint mechanism available to the citizen of the country. The books highlight unethical practices by public servants which deprive a common man of his legitimate rights and services. The booklets also reinforce that Honesty is the Best Policy and being honest means following the path of Truth. The booklets attempt to enable to common citizens to Say 'No' to Corruption, stressing that every small step towards fighting corruption by an individual can create a big impact. Messages of Integrity in Professional Life are also conveyed convincingly.

The booklets also emphasise on transparency in the conduct of public servants and ways to avoid conflict of interest. A strong message of ethics as a way of life and being an integral part of success is conveyed to the young citizens of the nation.

Preventive Vigilance Booklets

CVC strongly promotes “Preventive Vigilance as a tool for good governance”. The commission has been encouraging organizations to bring about systemic improvements, leverage technology and update procedures and guidelines on a continuous basis. Organizations have taken numerous such initiatives in the recent years. These initiatives have the potential to reduce corruption, increase transparency and lead to more efficiency. With a view to share these initiatives and best practices with various organizations, the Commission brings out compilations of such INITIATIVES ON PREVENTIVE VIGILANCE consisting of some of the best and innovative measures taken by organizations. The methodology adopted is to invite articles from various organizations which are critically examined by a committee for their utility, impact and scalability across other organizations.
