

## **Chapter -11**

### **VIGILANCE**

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Under the jurisdiction of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), a part-time Chief Vigilance officer is appointed to look after the vigilance matters in the Institute and its Regional Centers. During the year 2008-09, Dr. R.P. Pandey, Scientist E-1 looked after the duties of Chief Vigilance officer in the Institute.

On the direction of CVC and Ministry of Water Recourses (MoWR), Govt. of India, several actions and initiatives were taken up during the year 2008-09 for maintaining preventive vigilance in the Institute. As a compulsory requirement for Group A and B for filing the Annual Property Returns, Chief Vigilance Officer collected the returns and issued the receipts to the concerned for reflecting in their Annual Confidential Reports. The Annual Property Returns submitted by the officers were checked and verified by the Chief Vigilance officer. Inspections of Cash with Institute Cashier, various sections/divisions and Regional Centers of the Institute were conducted by the Vigilance Cell of the Institute. The Director NIH, Senior Administrative Officer, Finance officer, and other officers have been made up dated with the instructions of CVC and MoWR from time to time for making the rules and procedures more transparent in the Institute.

All the pending vigilance cases have been disposed. Specific instructions of the Secretary Water Resources regarding e-governance are being pursued with the Head of the Institution for compliance and transparent functioning of the Institute.

Vigilance Awareness Weeks (VAW-2008) were observed during November 3-7 November 2008 at HQ Roorkee and at Regional Centers of the Institute at Belgaum (Karnataka), Jammu (J&K), Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh), Sagar (Madhya Pradesh) and Centers for Flood Management Studies at Patna (Bihar) and Guwahati (Assam). During Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW) a pledge was administered to all the Employees of the Institute by the Director, NIH at HQ Roorkee and by the Heads/Officer In-charges at the respective Regional Centers. The message from the President of India, and Chief Vigilance Commissioner were displayed at the Notice Board of the Institute and at the main entrance of the Institute and halls/auditorium etc. where Vigilance Awareness activities were conducted. Various slogans in English and in Hindi were displayed on the Charts at the entrance and exit gate of the main administrative building of the Institute at HQ as well as at the Regional Centers. The various competitions regarding Preventive Vigilance, anti-corruption etc. were organized at NIH Roorkee during Vigilance Awareness Weeks. At HQ Roorkee essay writing competitions were organized for the employee of the Institute on the topic "Transparency and accountability in governance". A debate competition for

students of about 21 prestigious Schools of Roorkee town was organized on the topic "Ethics and moral education are better means to cope with corruption". There was very good response and a healthy competition was held. All the Scientist, officers and staff of the institute including teachers from various schools witnessed the gathering of this competition.

At Deccan Hard Rock Regional Centre of the Institute at Belgaum, an Elocution competition on "Building up of Corruption Free Society: Role of Students and Youths" was organized on November 15, 2007. Students and teachers from various schools in and around Belgaum had participated in the programme. Elocution Competition was conducted in English, Marathi, Hindi and Kannada mediums.

Banners and posters with anti-corruption slogans were displayed in the office premises at Western Himalayan Regional Centre, Jammu. The pledge was administered to the staff by the Head of the Regional Centre.

At Deltaic Regional Centre, Kakinada, the pledge was administered to the staff and officers by the Head of the Centre and he delivered a brief talk regarding the importance and objectives of the observance of Vigilance Awareness Week. On November 3, 2008. An essay writing competition was organized for students of 10 prestigious schools of Kakinada town on the topic "Eradication of corruption: Is it possible?". At the conclusion of the competition ceremony various teachers and students addressed the gathering and shared their views on the above subject.

At Ganga Plain Regional Centre of the Institute at Sagar (Madhya Pradesh), all the employees took pledge in English and Hindi on November 3, 2008. A big banner was 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 impact on economic program of the country" on November 4, 2008. All the employees at regional centre participated in the debate.

At Centre for Flood Management Studies (Ganga), Patna, discussions were held highlighting the ill effects of corruption, its impact on government and its consequences on general public. Also, posters highlighting anti-corruption slogans were displayed at the Centre for awareness.

At CFMS Guwahati, the pledge was administered to all the employees at the centre. Posters, banners, anti corruption slogans etc. were displayed in and around the office complex.

On November 6, 2008, a valedictory function was organized at HQ, Roorkee in the auditorium of the Institute. Director NIH addressed the gathering and delivered a comprehensive speech on strength of transparent and decent office dealings in nation building. Director, NIH distributed token prizes to the winners of various competitions organized during the VAW-08. Shri R.P. Pandey, Chief

Vigilance Officer of the Institute gave a brief account of various activities organized during the week.

Vigilance Cell of the Institute is consistently making efforts in bringing transparency in matters regarding electronic publication of tenders in Institute website, purchase tenders and other administrative and financial matters etc. The progress of activities of vigilance cell is reported to CVO, MoWR regularly.



**Children participating in Essay writing and Poster making competition during VAW-2008**



**Distribution of certificates to the winners of various competitions organized during VAW-2008.**



**Audience and participants of debate competition during Vigilance Awareness Week-2008.**



**Judging Team for debate competition during Vigilance Awareness Week-2008.**