Report on VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK, 2022

"CORRUPTION FREE INDIA FOR A DEVELOPED NATION"

Referring to Central Vigilance Commission Circular No. 20/09/2022 vide their letter No. 022/VGL/029 dated 08/09/2022, National Institute of Technology, Meghalaya observed "Vigilance Awareness Week, 2022" which commenced from 31ST October to 6TH November, 2022 with the theme "Corruption Free India for a Developed Nation". The National Institute of Technology Meghalaya observed this year's Vigilance Awareness Week by engaging and inspiring all students, staffs and faculties to partake in various activities conducted by the various cultural clubs and sports groups of the Institute.



The auspicious event was inaugurated on 31ST October, 2022 from 10 AM to 11 AM in the august presence of esteemed dignitaries. Shri. Cyril V. Darlong Diengdoh, IAS, Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong graced the occasion as chief guest along with Prof. B. B. Biswal, Director, NIT Meghalaya, Shri. B. N. Choudhury, the Registrar, NIT Meghalaya and Dr. A. Banerjee, CVO, NIT Meghalaya. Faculty members & Staffs members also participated during the event.



Since 2014, India has celebrated Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, or National Unity Day, on 31ST of October every year **to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, known as the Iron Man of India**. Rashtriya ekta diwas 2022 marks the 147th birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Commemorating the Birth Anniversary of Iron Man of India Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and as per the directives of Central Vigilance Commission, observance of Ekta Diwas and inaugural of Vigilance Awareness Week - 2022 (VAW-2022) was observed in NMDC on **31ST October**, **2022**. The VAW-2022 was therefore observed from 31ST October, 2022.



The Director delivered a discussion highlighting Corruption as undeniably one of the most menacing evils deeply entrenched in society ever since India gained its independence and is weakening the country's economic base. The Director proceeds to state further that at every level of Indian administration, unfortunately, corruption has taken a heavy toll and is wearing down the structure of our economy. However, building a corruption-free India is certainly not easy, but it's not impossible either. The Director stated that it is important to identify the gaps and loopholes in our administration, examine the causes behind them, and try to fill them by imposing strict checks and measures at every level. If preventive measures are not taken on time, then the machinery of the nation-state will one day come crashing down completely.

The Director exclaimed that under such a compelling situations, everybody present are not to sit back and relax as every person's contribution counts towards building a corruption-free India and laying the foundation for a better tomorrow for the next generation. India has a strong potential for getting rid of corruption if everyone works in unison, to pledge not to take or give bribe and also undertake serious measures to uproot corruption from society.



Shri. Cyril V. Darlong Diengdoh presented a lecture before the audience regarding the serious issue of our nation India and its grappling effect which is rampant. Shri. Cyril V. Darlong Diengdoh says that as a citizen of our country, our lives surely cannot remain untouched by this issue. No matter where we go, particularly any public sector, whether an educational institution or any administrative department, corruption always follows. No query or problem would be resolved without loading the pocket of a public official. The hypocrisy or double standards of our government officials have been exposed time and again by various journalists.

However, Shri. Cyril V. Darlong Diengdoh stated that we cannot give up on our dream of a corruption-free India; hence, we should work relentlessly towards making our country a better place to live in. The major onus of freeing India from all its social evils lies on the shoulder of our youth, who are the torchbearer of our nation. If our youth are taught good values and encourage holistic growth of their personalities, we can certainly raise our nation's growth many notches. He also mentioned that it is very important to raise the status of the marginalized section of our society and give them equal opportunity to grow in terms of education as well as job opportunities; then, it will not only be possible to eradicate poverty from our nation but also to accelerate its all-round development.





Dr. Atanu Banerjee, Part-time CVO, on conclusion of the discussion, proceeded to administer the Integrity Pledge to all Faculty and Staff members. The members partake in the administering of the Integrity Pledge wholeheartedly. Dr. Atanu Banerjee gave a cordial thank you and a hearty congratulation to Shri. Cyril V. Darlong Diengdoh and the esteemed dignitaries for sparing their invaluable time from their busy schedule to be part of the inauguration.



During the observance of the Vigilance Awareness Week 2022 at NIT Meghalaya, a range of activities were hosted such as marathons, essay writing competitions, painting competition and others. All events were divided throughout the duration of the week and were made available for all to join and participate. Various posters, flexes and banners were also displayed to sensitize the people about vigilance, corruption, honesty etc. outside the premises of the Institute campus and within the campus.





The Photography and Fine Arts Club and The Literary Club in assistance with EBSB Club of NIT Meghalaya, initiated a range of exciting competitions on the occasion of the Vigilance Awareness Week 2022.

1. A Marathon Event "UNITY RUN" was organized on the day of the inauguration, i.e. 31^{ST} October, 2022 in the early hours of the morning from 6 AM - 8 AM starting from Bijni Complex to Laitumkhrah towards Firebrigade further towards Dhankheti returning back to Laitumkhrah and ending the marathon at the Institute Temporary Campus at Bijni Complex; in observance of the VAW 2022 and the National Unity Day.



- 2. The EBSB Club & Literary Club of Cultural Committee, SAC, NIT, Meghalaya, organized The Annual Essay Writing Competition for all students, on the topic: "Corruption Free India" which was organized on 1ST November, 2022 from 11 AM 1 PM.
- 3. The Photography and Fine Arts Club also organized a Painting Competition on the theme: "Corruption, Causes, and its Consequences" on the 2ND October, 2020 from 10 AM to 1 PM in which students had participated. Certificates were issued to all participants, and prizes were distributed to the winners. The winners of the Painting Competition are 1st: DIYASHA MAHANTA (B21ME032), 2nd: BIPASA SAIKIYA (S21CY013), 3rd: DHARITREE DAS (S21CY006)















- 4. The Hindi Officer organised an " मौखिक वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता : Oral Debate Competition" on November 3RD, 2022 from 10 AM 1 PM on the topic विषय:- भ्रष्टाचार मुक्त भारत on the subject: "Corruption Free India."
- 5. On the last day of the observance of the Vigilance Awareness Week 2022, a Photo Exhibition was hosted by the Photography and Fine Arts Club where outside participants from other Institutions were allowed to enter and take part. The winners were awarded prizes and mementos and the judges had a tough time judging the winners as all made a great effort. The winners of the exhibition are: 1ST: Navamani Prasath (NIT MEGHALAYA), 2ND: Nisha Hajong (NIT MEGHALAYA), 3RD: Al Amin Miah (St. Anthony's College, Shillong).

Vote of Thanks by Vice President of SAC, NIT Meghalaya

The closing ceremony was held on 5TH November, 2022 from 10:30 AM - 1 PM in which all Faculties, Staffs and students participated with gusto. The participants and all who had assisted and volunteered in the programme are deeply appreciated and valued for their sincerity and drudgery.