

'Citizens need to stop turning a blind eye to corruption'

Nagaland University observes vigilance awareness week 2022

LUMAMI, NOVEMBER 2 (MExN): With the theme, 'corruption free India for a developed nation,' Nagaland University, Lumami is observing vigilance awareness week 2022 from October 31 to November 6.

The vigilance awareness week commenced with Pledge Taking & Sensitization Programme on October 31 with Prof MK Sinha, Dean, School of Social Sciences as chief guest and Dr Likhase Sangtam, Department of Political Science as resource person.

A press release received here stated Professor MK Sinha explaining the concept of vigilance, said it could be described properly by the term 'Triple E' which stood for 'Everyone's Everyday business in Everyday Sphere of life.'

He said that vigilance was related to goals, actions and results, in the sense that setting of pure value-based valid goals would lead to pure actions and pure results. He added that it needs to be value based and valid, impersonal, genuine, impartial, legitimate and within the law of the land, lead to fixing of accountability, negate nepotism and nexus.

He also said, aware-



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ness on vigilance should be spread, resulting in encouragement to others to follow in the same positive direction. He provided statistics on the prevalent corruption in India and the loss incurred to the nation due to corruption.

Prof Sinha observed that the omnipresence of corruption made it necessary for a change in the mindset of all citizens in order to eradicate corruption. Citizens therefore need to stop turning a blind eye to corruption and put their pledges to practice.

Dr Likhase Sangtam in his lecture asserted that it is our duty as citizens and stakeholders to fight against corruption. He dwelt on the role of the Central Vigilance

Commission as the apex integrity institution in India and its multi-pronged approach in the fight against corruption.

A major issue he mentioned was of Indian citizens failing to understand that it is their responsibility and not somebody else's to look after the well-being of the nation. This was one of the reasons for India's unsatisfactory performance in the corruption index.

In conclusion, he stressed that the vigilance awareness programme was a call to the citizens present at the programme to reiterate their commitment and conviction to the nation and themselves for achieving

the goals of honesty, transparency and accountability. He made a challenge to the young people present to consider it their duty to challenge corruption, as society belonged to the youth.

Dr Suraj Beri, Department of Sociology in the welcome address said that vigilance awareness is for sensitization at different levels where corruption corrodes society. "There are three broad issues related to corruption: bribery, extortion and nepotism or favouritism. Our task as citizens, he said, is to understand the concept of corruption, the factors that promote it, and then come up with new policies and strategies to combat

it,' he stated.

Prof Temjensosang, Director, RDC led the Integrity Pledge for Citizens and Integrity Pledge for Organizations.

Earlier, Illiki Hostellers performed a short skit depicting how corruption takes place at the grassroots level. Chumpo Hostellers also displayed a play on the theme consisting of three scenes: first on clean election; second on quality education system; and third on good road condition. The play depicted that if there is clean election, the education system and road condition will be improved. Songs were sung by Nagaland University Research Scholars' Forum Lumami as well as by Zuki Hostellers.