

## **Dredging Corporation of India Limited calls for Public Participation in promoting integrity and eradicating corruption**

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Inaugural function of Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW) -2016 being observed jointly by Dredging Corporation of India Limited (DCIL) and Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT) is held in DCIL today. Shri V.V.S.Sreenivas, IRSME, Chief Vigilance Officer, in his welcome address, emphasized the need to strengthen the systems to prevent corruption rather than doing post-mortem. He further stressed on the role and importance of individuals in combating corruption as in a democracy, “Yataha praja thataha Raja” is the reality. As it takes two hands to Clap, both the giver and the taker are equally responsible for corruption. Hence, as brought out in Central vigilance Commission (CVC) theme for VAW, “PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN PROMOTING INTEGRITY AND ERADICATING CORRUPTION”, citizens play an immense role in weeding out Corruption. He further urged all the employees and Citizens to spread awareness through social media regarding the E-pledge initiative of CVC to make Citizens participate in war against corruption.

Chief Guest of the function, Shri Ch. D Tirumala Rao, IPS, Addl.DGP (CID), while addressing the gathering accentuated the power and potential of an individual in combating corruption cannot be undermined as “journey of thousand miles begins with a single step”. He further stressed the need for exemplary punishment and isolation of corrupt officers. Sri Rao said corrupt individuals might escape from the eyes of the system but nobody can escape from inner conscience.

Guest of Honour, Shri R. Gopala Krishna Rao, IPS, SP, CBI, Visakhapatnam, emphasized the importance of Awareness among the individual. Though the tentacles of corruption are all pervasive yet technology plays a pivotal part in curbing it. He said honest system produces honest officers, systems are improving and there is no need for despondency.

Prof. (Dr). A. Prasanna Kumar while delivering the key note address lamented that corrupt are now being honored and expressed concern over collapse of institutions and felt that corruption is institutionalized. Calling for stringent action against the corrupt he said that minimizing rules and maximizing values is the need of the hour. He asserted that young generation today will not tolerate injustice and Corruption, hence future is bright for the nation.

Shri. P.L.Harnath, Dy. Chairman, VPT; Shri. S.Charles, Director(Finance) DCIL; Shri.M.S.Rao, Director (O&T) participated in the event attended by Officials of DCIL&VPT. Capt. P.M.Saravanan, HOD (HR) introduced the distinguished guests and Dr. P.K.Sethi, JGM (HSE) proposed vote of thanks.

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