

Report on the observance of Vigilance Awareness Week (26th October, 2015 – 31st October, 2015) at IWST, Bangalore.

As per the direction of the Central Vigilance Commission, Govt. of India, New Delhi vide letter No. 015/VGL/065/293536dt 31/08/2015 and Chief Vigilance Officer, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Vigilance Division, Room No. 402, Agni Wing, Level-IV, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, JorBagh Road, IAliganj, New Delhi – 110003. On 26th October, 2015 at 11.00 A.M pledge was taken by all Officers, Scientists, staff and research scholars of the IWST. Details of the programme to observe Vigilance Awareness Week was elaborated by the Vigilance Officer.

On 29th October, 2015 poster presentation competition was held at 2.30 pm on the topic **“Corruption and Common Man”** Posters were evaluated by three judges and recommended names of I, II and III prize winners were selected.

On the occasion of Vigilance Awareness Week on **30th October, 2015 Dr. K. Ramachandra Rao, IPS, Inspector General of Police & Commissioner for Traffic & Road Safety, Bengaluru** was invited as a Chief Guest. All the staff members and research scholars attended the function.

Concluding Day Programme

Vigilance Officer of Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Dr. K. Murugesan welcomed the Presiding Officer, Chief Guest and all the employees of the Institute on the concluding day of Vigilance Awareness Week. He briefly explained about the mandates of the institute, an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India. He explained about our research activities. Further said that the research projects are based on the needs of the stakeholders of the states of Karnataka and Goa. Vigilance officer further narrated about the procedure involved in preparing projects by scientists and approval by ICFRE. He further added that apart from the council, this Institute is also supported by number of funding agencies like Department of Science and Technology, Department of Bio- technology, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Council for Scientific Industrial Research, National Bamboo Mission, Karnataka Forest Departments and also by international agencies like International Foundation for Science.

Vigilance officer also spoke about **E-governance** in the form **IFRIS** is being adopted by following the Forestry information system provided by Indian Council of Forestry research and Education. Vigilance Officer also spoke about observing Vigilance Awareness Week from 26th October, 2015 to 31st October, 2015, he informed that on 26th October, 2015 pledge was taken by all the employees of IWST. On 28th October, 2015 a debate competition was organized on the topic **“Can Corruption be fought by enactment of Law”** Good presentation and all the speakers spoke about for and against the issue. On 29th October, 2015 Poster Presentation was also on the title **“Corruption and Common Man”**. A good number of temporary and permanent staff participated. He requested all the people to participate in such event in future in large number.

The Vigilance Officer informed that during the current year six (6) cases were received and two (2) cases have been disposed.

Director, IWST, also informed that as various committees are involved in procurement of equipments and vehicles and transparency in procurement through e-tendering has resulted in very few vigilance cases in this institute. Director invited the Chief Guest to visit this institute to know about various activities of this institute. Various achievements of this institute were highlighted by the Director. Stressed upon individual discipline and sincerity for the progress of the institute

Chief Guest Dr. K. Ramachandra Rao, IPS, Inspector General, Commissioner of Police (Traffic & Safety), Bengaluru addressed the gathering. He thanked the Vigilance Officer and the Director for inviting him and giving him an opportunity to come to this institute. He requested all the scientific community to work sincerely for the development of various wood based technologies and insisted upon transferring the technologies developed in this institute to the people of the country. He also expressed his happiness about the various competitions held at the institute during the vigilance week. Chief Guest also mentioned about the theme of the current year. Vigilance Awareness Week promotes this year **“Preventive vigilance as a tool of Good Governance”** as theme and to prevent corruption he insisted to maintain transparency and immediate decision making to avoid corruption and influence of other sources in the purchase and recruitment process. Chief Guest also gave away the prizes to the winners of debate and poster competition. Later on the Chief Guest also made a visit to all research facilities available in this instate and appreciated. The work being taken up by this institute.

Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Pankaj Kumar Aggarwal. He thanked the Chief Guest for attending the Valedictory function of the Vigilance Week of our institute. He also thanked the Director and Vigilance Officer Dr. K. Murugesan for making the event successful. He thanked the participants and prize winners in the poster presentation competition. He also thanked GCR, all HoDs, Vigilance Officer, and all the officials for supporting and did their best for making this Vigilance Week successful.

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