

PRESS RELEASE

The Central University of Jammu organized a sensitization programme on the theme - **“My Vision-Corruption Free India”** for the benefit of faculty, officers, staff and students of the University in connection with Vigilance Awareness Week which is being observed from 30th October, 2017 - 4th November, 2017 on the directive of the Central Vigilance Commission, Government of India.

Hon'ble Justice J. P. Singh, Member J&K State Accountability Commission and former Judge High Court of Jammu & Kashmir was the chief guest on the occasion. In his address, he highlighted that after Independence corruption was at the lowest ebb, but now it is rampant and has crept into almost all the institutions of our country. Though many laws have been framed to curb corruption, but most of the laws have proved to be ineffective and are being observed more in breach. He said that anti-corruption laws in our country are only punitive in nature and do not have preventive mechanism. He reminded the audience that there used to be lectures on moral education after prayer assembly in our school days and posters and hoardings on prevention of corruption were displayed at prominent places in the school premises. He emphasized that in order to combat corruption multi-pronged strategy is required and the feeling of injustice and insecurity among the people need to be eradicated so that they may not indulge in corrupt practices. Justice J. P. Singh further emphasized the need for Redressal Forums so that citizens get their wrongs redressed at the doorstep and are not compelled to pay bribe. He appreciated the awareness drive launched by Central Vigilance Commission and initiative taken by the university to make the people aware about the vices of corruption. He advised that necessary steps should be taken to make the rural people aware of their rights by dissemination of information about the evil effects of corruption. He concluded his lecture with an observation that both punitive as well as preventive measures are required to be taken by the State to combat corruption.

Professor Ashok Aima, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Jammu in his presidential remarks laid stress upon the need to be vigilant and watch closely the happenings in the society that erode the faith of the people in governance. He said that the corruption free society would produce better citizens having national character and devoted to nation building. He advised the students to understand their responsibilities towards the society and wage a collective war in combating corruption.

Dr. S.K. Sharma, Professor Swami Vivekananda Chair and Chief Vigilance Officer Central University of Jammu, welcomed the dignitaries and explained the importance of the theme of sensitization programme. He also apprised the audience about the various activities conducted during the Vigilance Awareness Week-2017 by the University. The University also conducted an essay competition on the theme - "My Vision - Corruption Free India" on 1st November, 2017 and the winners were awarded cash prizes and certificates for their performance in order of merit- 1st- Shivani Jamwal, 2nd Bikash Prasad, 3rd Neha Baloria, 1st Consolation Sachin Sharma, 2nd Consolation Mohd. Nadaem. The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Prof. Deepak Pathania, HoD, Department of Environmental Sciences and Dean Students Welfare. Those present on the occasion were Prof. S.K. Khosa, Prof. N.K.Tripathi, Dr. D.L. Choudhary, Dr. Vinay Kumar, Dr. V. Sridharan, Dr. Brij Mohan Bhau and Dr. Ravi Kumar, Registrar, Central University of Jammu.

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