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Vigilance Awareness Week, 2021 concludes with a Webinar 'Independent India @ 75: Self Reliance with Integrity' at CUO

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The Vigilance Awareness Week-2021 observed from 26 October at Central University of Odisha concluded with a programme on the theme 'Independent India @ 75: Self Reliance with Integrity' on 1 November 2021. Prof. Akshay Rout, IIS (Retd.), Visiting Professor of CUO and Former Director General, Swachha Bharat Mission, Election Commission of India and Mr. Surendra Nath Panigrahy, OPS, Addl. SP (Vigilance), Koraput division delivered the Lecture on the programme. The Vice Chancellor in charge of the University Prof. Sharat Kumar Palita presided over and inaugurating the webinar called upon all to be vigilant against corruption. The mind set needs to be changed. The Vigilance Awareness Week provides an opportunity to introspect into it. For India to be a knowledge power, economic power, the corruption level needs to decline over time. It is not impossible, but possible with a change of mindset along with strict enforcement of law. He expressed his concern about the position of our county in the corruption perception index i.e. 86. He said 'observation of Vigilance Awareness Week is a part of multipronged approach where all the strategists encourage the stakeholders to collectively participate in the preventive vigilance measure and fight against corruption. Dr. Ramendra Kumar Parhi, DSW I/c and HoD I/c, Dept. of Education delivered the welcome address.

Prof. Rout reiterated that "internal vigilance is the price of liberty. Self reliance with integrity can make citizens vigilant and it makes the future of India with the message, *Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikash*". He gave importance to the need for transparency. He said "one must be vigilant in his home, in his office, in his region and in his country. Only then the country can prosper". He has given some live examples of corruption in our county including white colour corruption and paid news corruption and political corruption.

Mr. Panigrahi pointed out different types of corruption prevalent in our county from top to bottom by citing corruption index around the globe and position of our country. He gave examples of white coloured corruption. He said "self reliance with integrity is an important part to fight against corruption. It makes people vigilant and aware". He explained how the department of vigilance investigates many fraud and corruption cases in Odisha and took preventive measures. He advised all to fight against corruption at all levels and make India a prosperous country.

As part of the Vigilance Awareness Week from 26 October to 1 November 2021, an essay competition on 'Independent India @ 75: Self Reliance with Integrity' was organized and it was coordinated by Dr. Ramendra Kumar Parhi, DSW I/c.

Dr. Phagunath Bhoi, Public Relation Officer extended the vote of thanks. Students, teaching and non-teaching staff, media persons and civil society participated in large numbers in virtual mode.

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