

Report on Vigilance Awareness Week 2021 NIT Meghalaya

“Independent India @ 75: Self Reliance with Integrity”

The National Institute of Technology, Meghalaya observed “Vigilance Awareness Week 2021” which commenced from the 26th October to 1st November 2021 with the theme “**Independent India @ 75: Self Reliance with Integrity.**” The National Institute of Technology observed this year’s Vigilance Awareness Week by engaging, encouraging, and inspiring all faculties, students, and staff via hybrid mode.



The auspicious event was inaugurated on the 26th October 2021 at 1 p.m. in the presence of esteemed dignitaries. Shri. P.K. Agrahari, IFS, Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Meghalaya graced the inaugural session of the event as Chief Guest along with Prof. B.B. Biswal, Director of NIT Meghalaya and Dr. A. Banerjee, CVO, NIT Meghalaya. Faculty members, staff, and students also participated during the event.



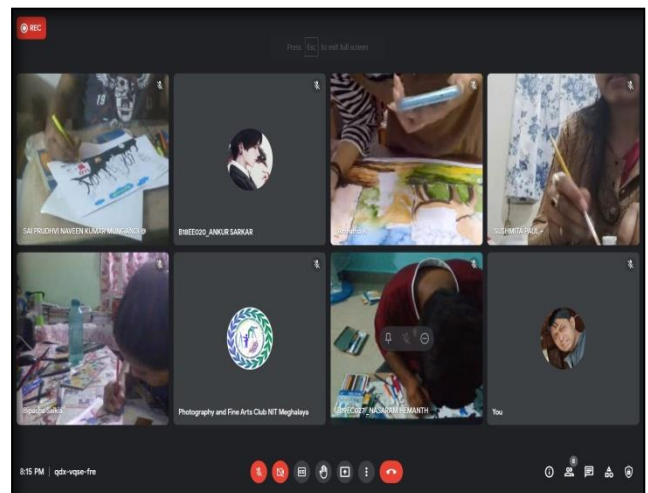
The Director highlighted the role of a citizen to tackle corruption for he/she has the right to refuse to take part in corrupt practices which is also an act of resistance. He further reminds us of our responsibility to create a culture of integrity and zero tolerance for corruption in our routine function.

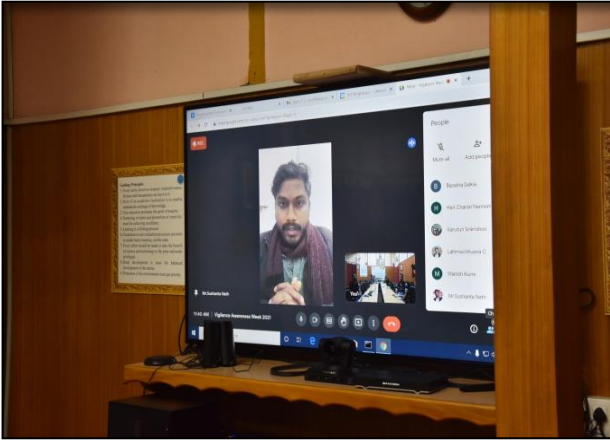
Shri P.K. Agrahari also addressed before the audience the practice of corruption as a use of public office for public gain. The occurrence of weak public financial management hinders public finances and the trust the public has towards the government. Furthermore, he also states that nepotism is itself corruption influencing the laws for private gain.

Dr. Atanu Banerjee, Part-time CVO, on conclusion of the discussion, proceeded to administer the Integrity Pledge to all Faculty members and staff. The members partake in the administering of the Integrity pledge wholeheartedly.



During the Vigilance Awareness Week celebration, an invited lecture through virtual mode, based on the theme, “Role of ICT to eliminate Corruption in Public life” was conducted. Speakers with renowned professions shared their views and ideas during the online event viz., Mr. Dilip Singh Aswal, Director of Rural NE License Service Area of the Indian Telecommunications Services, and Mr. Surjit Singh, Former Director of Chief Vigilance Commission. These speakers highlighted corruption as being a two-way street, the bribe giver and the taker, and the role of technology as a tool procuring transparency in various organizations to eliminate corruption.





A few activities like Poster Design & Drawing Competition, Elocution Competition, and Quiz Competition were hosted for employees and students. The event was also made available for all to join via the online link “<https://meet.google.com/pcu-doys-zmr>”.



The closing ceremony was held on 1st November 2021 through offline mode in which faculty members and staff participated with vigor. The participants and volunteers who assisted during the event were deeply appreciated and valued for their sincerity and dedication to making the event a success.
