Dear 

The Central Vigilance Commission as the apex integrity institution mandated to fight corruption and to ensure integrity in administration has been observing Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW) every year since 2000. Observance of VAW is an outreach measure where the Commission proactively reaches out all stakeholders whether Government employees or the public at large, who are encouraged to prevent and combat corruption. The Commission is of the considered view that corruption is a serious unethical practice that undermines trust and confidence in public officials and that public confidence can only be gained by promoting integrity in governance.

2. During the VAW every year several awareness programmes / activities are organised, viz, display of banners, posters, etc., at prime locations; organising seminars and awareness gram sabhas, inviting prominent persons to address participants, organising competitive debates / lectures on anti-corruption topics among the employees of organisations and students in colleges and schools etc. Besides, NGOs, service associations and other institutions are also requested to participate in anti-corruption awareness campaigns.

3. As you are aware, in the year 2015, the VAW was observed on the theme, “Preventive Vigilance as a tool of Good Governance” and in 2016, on the theme of “Public participation in promoting Integrity and Eradicating Corruption”. Last year, the Commission had introduced the concept of Integrity e-Pledge – one for citizens and other for corporates, institutions, etc., which received a good response and over 15 lakhs citizens and 30,000 odd organisations have voluntarily taken the e-Pledge, committing to uphold highest standard of honesty and integrity affirming to eradicate corruption. In addition, the Public Sector Banks were advised to organise “Awareness Gram Sabhas” in rural and semi-rural areas and seminars and public functions in semi-urban areas, wherein over 70,000 awareness programmes were held.

4. In order to take forward the outreach and awareness activities during the VAW this year, the Commission would request all Chief Vigilance Officers to suggest views/
ideas on the theme and also on innovative activities in brief not exceeding one page for observing the week. All CVOs are, therefore, requested to send their views / suggestions to the Commission latest by 23/06/2017 by e-mail to coord1-cvc@nic.in.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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