

VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK 2026

Union MoSJE Secretary Shri Sudhansh Pant Leads Integrity Pledge Ceremony at the Ministry

Emphasizes Transparency, Accountability And Corruption-Free Administration For Effective Delivery Of Welfare Schemes

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Marking the commencement of Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW) 2026, being observed from October 26 to November 1, Union Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri Sudhansh Pant, today administered the Integrity Pledge to senior officers and staff of the Ministry, at a ceremony held in the National Capital.



The ceremony reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to promoting transparency, probity, accountability and ethical conduct in public service, while strengthening collective efforts to eliminate corruption from the administrative system.



Addressing the officers, Shri Sudhansh Pant emphasised the need to ensure transparency and efficiency across all Bureaus, Divisions, autonomous bodies, corporations and allied departments under the Ministry.



He urged officers to work towards establishing a corruption-free administrative system and accord highest priority to the timely disposal of public interest matters relating to various schemes and programmes.

The Secretary highlighted that efficient and transparent administration is essential to ensuring that the benefits of government initiatives reach eligible beneficiaries without delay. He also encouraged officers to sustain existing best practices, develop new result-

oriented approaches and continuously identify and address systemic gaps that may create opportunities for corruption.



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Vigilance Awareness Week 2026

Pledge Ceremony Held at the Ministry

Together for a Transparent, Accountable and Corruption-Free Administration

Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW) 2026
observed from **October 26 to November 01**

Pledge Ceremony held at the
Office of the Ministry of Social Justice
and Empowerment, New Delhi

Key Highlights

- Union Secretary Shri Sudhansh Pant** administered the Vigilance Awareness Pledge to senior officers and staff of the Ministry.
- Emphasised the need for **transparency, efficiency and accountability** across all Bureaus, Divisions, autonomous bodies, corporations and allied departments.
- Urged officers to work for a **corruption-free administrative system** and give top priority to the timely disposal of public interest matters related to schemes and programmes.
- Encouraged the continuation of **best practices**, adoption of **result-oriented approaches** and plugging systemic gaps that may lead to corruption.
- All officers and staff pledged to work for corruption-free administrative work, in the supreme interests of the Ministry.

Awareness Activities

Throughout the week, the Ministry is organising various activities to sensitise employees on vigilance and accountability, including:

- Quizzes**
- Expert Lectures**

The initiative aims to strengthen awareness of responsible conduct and reinforce a culture of integrity across the organisation.

Integrity Pledge

“ I believe that corruption has been one of the major obstacles to economic, political and social progress of our country. I believe that all stakeholders such as Government, citizens and private sector need to work together to eradicate corruption.

I realise that every citizen should be vigilant and commit to the highest standards of honesty and integrity at all times and support the fight against corruption.

I, therefore, pledge:

- To follow probity and rule of law in all walks of life;
- To neither take nor offer bribe;
- To perform all tasks in an honest and transparent manner;
- To act in public interest;
- To lead by example exhibiting integrity in personal behaviour;
- To report any incident of corruption to the appropriate agency. **”**

“Integrity in public service is a collective responsibility and a cornerstone of good governance. Let's sustain existing best practices, develop new result-oriented approaches and continuously identify and address systemic gaps that may create opportunities for corruption”. — Shri Sudhansh Pant, Secretary, MoSJE

During the ceremony, officers and staff reaffirmed their commitment to upholding integrity, following the rule of law and discharging their official responsibilities in the larger public interest.



As part of the week-long observance, the Ministry is organising various awareness activities, including quizzes and expert lectures, to sensitise employees to the importance of vigilance, accountability and ethical governance. These initiatives aim to strengthen awareness of responsible conduct and reinforce a culture of integrity across the organisation.



Pertinently, the Integrity Pledge calls upon every citizen to uphold the highest standards of honesty, neither give nor accept bribes, perform all duties in an honest and transparent manner, act in the public interest, lead by example through personal integrity and report incidents of corruption to the appropriate authorities.

Through the observance of Vigilance Awareness Week 2026, the Ministry reiterates its resolve to promote a transparent, accountable and citizen-centric administrative framework and strengthen public confidence in the effective implementation of its welfare schemes and programmes.

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