

प्रधान मंत्री Prime Minister <u>MESSAGE</u>

I am glad to learn that the Central Vigilance Commission is observing Vigilance Awareness Week from 31 October to 5 November, 2011.

Corruption strikes at the root of good governance. It is a challenge which has to be faced frontally, boldly and quickly. Not only is the government working on the establishment of a strong legal and constitutional framework to tackle corruption, but it is also focusing equally on simplification of procedures, reducing discretion, eliminating arbitrariness and increasing transparency in the way government functions.

I appreciate the efforts of the Central Vigilance Commission and other anti-corruption institutions in tackling this problem. We must work collectively, to find credible approaches and credible solutions to this scourge.

(Manmohan Singh)

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