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### MESSAGE

The Central Vigilance Commission observes Vigilance Awareness Week from 28<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 which is the week in which the birthday of Bharat Ratna Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel falls. I am pleased that the theme for the Vigilance Awareness Week this year is “**Integrity- A way of life**”, which is fitting since Sardar Patel is a model for honesty, integrity and probity in public life for future generations.

2. Cultivating and promoting moral values of integrity in all aspects of our life is essential for building a New India. We must stigmatize the culture of corruption, favoritism and nepotism and actively promote conduct inspired by the ethical value of integrity. The value of integrity in public life is reflected in the Government's vision of zero tolerance approach to corruption. Corruption is a detriment to economic growth and promotion of integrity will help the country progress.

3. The Vigilance Awareness Week is celebrated as a mass campaign across the country, in villages and towns with the wide participation of citizens especially women and youth. I am pleased that the Commission's initiative reaches out to the common citizens of the country using public campaigns such as public meetings, seminars, marathons, awareness walks, human chains, awareness gram sabhas and various activities organized in schools and colleges across the country.

4. On this occasion, I wish the Commission all success in its efforts in observing Vigilance Awareness Week 2019 and believe that this will lead to a Corruption Free India and will ensure welfare of all citizens.

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