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Report on the Awareness Programme: “Vigilance – Our Shared Responsibilities”:-

The Department of Sociology, Bishop Cotton Women's Christian College, Bengaluru, organised an awareness programme on Vigilance titled “Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibilities” on 29th October 2025 in the college Seminar Hall from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event was conducted as part of the Vigilance Awareness Week 2025, observed nationwide from 27th October to 2nd November, under the initiative of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).

Resource Persons:- The distinguished speakers for the session were:

Dr. S. Mondal, Principal Scientist, ICAR–National Institute of Animal Nutrition and Physiology (ICAR–NIANP), Bengaluru.

Dr. Ramesh H. S., Senior Scientist, ICAR–NIANP, Bengaluru.

Both the experts addressed the significance of ethical vigilance, integrity, and transparency in individual and institutional contexts.

Highlights of the Session:-

Dr. Mondal opened the session by defining vigilance as “the conscious commitment to uphold ethics, integrity, and transparency to prevent and combat corruption.” He explained that vigilance awareness is not about suspicion but about creating a culture of accountability and ethical governance. He outlined the core components of organizational vigilance, such as monitoring, prevention, detection, investigation, and resolution, emphasizing the importance of maintaining transparency in every action. Dr. Ramesh elaborated on the broader societal and student-level implications of vigilance, especially in the digital era. He discussed topics such as cyber vigilance, human trafficking awareness, and the role of youth in creating safer and more transparent communities. Students were encouraged to be proactive, to report unethical behaviour, and to participate in awareness programmes that promote integrity. The speakers also shed light on the ATFAST framework—Accountability, Transparency, Fairness, Avoiding Discretion, Simplification, and Timeliness—as key principles to ensure corruption-free administration. They emphasized that vigilance transforms institutions by enhancing reputation, promoting integrity, and reducing waste through efficient management systems.

Key Takeaways:-

1. Vigilance is everyone's responsibility—it extends beyond official duty to personal ethics and civic life.
2. Students play a vital role in building a vigilant society by staying informed and alert against digital, social, and institutional exploitation.
3. Corruption undermines national development, social equity, and organizational credibility, hence zero tolerance is essential.
4. A culture of transparency and accountability must be cultivated at all institutional levels through leadership commitment, clear policies, and open communication.
5. Vigilance is a constructive mechanism—it protects honest individuals, strengthens systems, and ensures fairness in governance.

Conclusion:- The programme successfully sensitized students to the value of vigilance as a shared social responsibility. Through insightful presentations, participants understood how vigilance fosters ethical integrity, public accountability, and transparency. The event reinforced the importance of collective participation in combating corruption and nurturing a morally conscious society. The session concluded with an interactive discussion and vote of thanks, leaving students inspired to “Be Alert, Be Safe, and Be Empowered”—upholding the essence of vigilance as a cornerstone of good governance and responsible citizenship.

