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**Visakhapatnam Port Trust and Dredging Corporation of India Limited
Jointly observes Inaugural function of Vigilance Awareness Week 2020**



Inaugural function of Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW) – 2020, being observed jointly by Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT) and Dredging Corporation of India Limited (DCIL) is held in DCIL today. This year, the theme of VAW is “Satark Bharat, Samriddh Bharat (Vigilant India, Prosperous India)”

Shri Rajesh Tripathi, MD, DCIL and Sri Sumiran Bansal, CFO, have administered the Integrity Pledge in English and Hindi respectively. Sri J. Pradeep Kumar, CVO, VPT & DCI, while speaking on the occasion, emphasized on the internal housekeeping activities, viz land management, allotment of quarters, updation of policies and manuals, policy on outsourcing activities and systemic improvement through leveraging technology, which were being taken up in campaign mode as part of Vigilance Awareness week -2020. He stated 1.25% of the global GDP was lost due to corruption. He further added, by creating an environment, as a part of systemic improvement, with the help of technology, where discretion would be minimized and direct interface to be reduced as corruption affects the quality of life of common people. MD in his address, emphasized on efficacy of preventive Vigilance as a tool to curb corruption. He further stressed on lack of coherence in procedures, endemic nature of uncertainties in managerial situations and issues of cooperation and coordination, which were of prime concern. He applauded the efforts put by both organizations in taking the message of CVC to grass root level by conducting several activities. He further exhorted everybody to begin a life of virtues, character and uprightness and stated by our indomitable will and following morality in every aspect of life, we could take up cudgels against the evils of corruption. Chief Guest of the occasion, Sri L.K.V Ranga Rao, IPS, DIG, Visakhapatnam Range, explained the side effects of power and how power could corrupt and how corruption systematically ingrained in government offices. He stated that the basic problem lied with us as what we preached, we didn't practice. He further added that the best way to combat corruption was to strengthen the system. He further emphasized the importance of value system and inculcating the values of integrity in all spheres of life would certainly help in reducing corruption. The event was attended by officials of both DCIL&VPT. Sri A.K Dasgupta, HOD (HR) introduced the distinguished Chief guest and Sri B. Hanuma Naik, HOD (Materials) proposed the vote of thanks.