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MESSAGE FROM CPFC

As you all are aware that the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has announced that the Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW) 2023 will be observed from 31st October to 05th November 2023. The Theme for the VAW 2023 declared by CVC is:

“भ्रष्टाचार का विरोध करें; राष्ट्र के प्रति समर्पित रहें”

“Say no to corruption; commit to the Nation”

As a precursor to the Week, there is a 03 months Vigilance Awareness Campaign from 16th August to 15th November 2023. In its endeavour to improve transparency and accountability of its officials, EPFO, has as always looked forward to observing the Vigilance Awareness Week and Campaign with meaning and enthusiasm. The focus areas of Vigilance Awareness Campaign 2023 are:

- Awareness building about Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers (PIDPI) Resolution
- Capacity Building programmes
- Identification and implementation of Systemic Improvement measures
- Leveraging IT for Complaint disposal
- Updation of Circulars/Guidelines/manuals
- Disposal of complaints received before 30.06.2023

Keeping the objective of a more vigilant EPFO at the forefront, it is felt that this is the right occasion to urge all concerned to strictly follow the CVC guidelines and HO instructions in letter and spirit, so that actions are as per rule and we send a strong message to the corrupt and deter their unethical activities.

It is with pride to inform you that in the VAW 2022 celebrations, EPFO had found a place of recognition in the 50th edition of the **VIGEYE VANI**, a Special Newsletter of the CVC. As part of the Commission's campaign on housekeeping activities and record management, EPFO could remove 96000 old unused files and closed more than 2700 e-files, which shows EPFO's commitment to maintaining a well organised system. The exercise also generated revenue of nearly Rs 19 Lakhs for which EPFO was amongst the Top 5

Organisations in the country. Furthermore, 02 initiatives of EPFO, namely **E-inspection** and **Principal Employer (PE) Portal** were also chosen by the CVC as one of the **Best Practices** amongst the Organisations during the VAW 2022. This year, too, the CVC has shortlisted the **SOP on Inspection of Establishments** as one of the **Best Practices** as part of VAW 2023.

Therefore, carrying on the exemplary work done by EPFO in VAW 2022, this year also, EPFO should make concerted efforts to make the VAW 2023 a grand success. For this to happen, all Officers and Staff need to join hands together to work on the focus areas of the Campaign. I urge all Zonal, Regional Offices and Training Institutes to actively engage their Stakeholders and reach out through the NAN 2.0 programmes. In our fight against corruption, let us actively involve the young workforce and young minds through activities to promote integrity and ethics. I am sure that with vast pool of talented human resource in EPFO, the Organisation will rise to the occasion and make a name for itself in the VAW 2023.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neelam Shami Rao', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

(Neelam Shami Rao)