REPORT ON

STUDENT SEMINAR ON VIGILANCE AWARENESS ORGANISED BY

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The Centre for Clinical Legal Education and Legal Aid Cell (CCLELAC) of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam convened a Student Seminar in furtherance of the observance of Vigilance Awareness Week from October 30 to November 5, 2023. The event was a platform for students from diverse academic years to deliver enlightening speeches centered around the theme of Vigilance Awareness Week. Vigilance Awareness Week is an annual observance in India that promotes the importance of transparency, integrity, and accountability in public and private sectors. During the week, citizens are encouraged to participate in activities and discussions that raise awareness about the significance of vigilance and its role in preventing corruption and unethical behaviour.

Dr. Kailash Jeenger commenced the seminar by addressing the gathering, highlighting the initiatives undertaken by the Legal Aid Cell to propagate awareness about corruption and to outline mechanisms to combat these challenges. The seminar saw an engaging series of speeches by the student speakers, each providing unique perspectives on various facets of corruption and vigilance. Ms.T. Kinjala (Student, First Year) initiated the presentations by elaborating on the nature, scope, and different types of corruption. Next, Ms. Prosfutita Singha (Student, Third Year) focused on the meaning of corruption and detailed its diverse forms, including bribery, embezzlement, nepotism, and extortion. She also shed light on the existing legal provisions relating to these corrupt practices. Ms. Niyor Ghatowar (Student, Third Year) deliberated upon the legal provisions concerning corruption and delved into the investigative and prosecutorial procedures for handling corrupt activities.

The fourth speaker, Ms. Anuja Prakash (Student, Fourth Year) explored the role, composition, functions, and powers of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC). She also discussed the appointment procedures for the Chief and members of the CVC. Next, Mr. Rajat Kumar Garg (Student, Fifth Year) suggested legislative improvements by the Indian government to enhance the effectiveness of the CVC and prevent corrupt practices within its operations. Mr. Sumeet Raj (Student, Fifth Year) delivered insights into the reasons behind corruption and proposed practical strategies to tackle and control corrupt practices, emphasizing the role of youth and adults in implementing ground-level solutions. At last, Ms. Twinkle Deoraja (Student, Fifth Year) discussed the pivotal role of ethics in combating corruption, emphasizing that it starts in daily life and individual behaviors. She suggested that

educational courses could instill moral and ethical values, further contributing to a more ethical society.

Dr. Kailash Jeenger delivered a concluding address, expressing gratitude to the audience, student speakers, and volunteers for their contributions to the seminar. He emphasized the significance of morality and ethics in the fight against corruption, underscoring the collective responsibility to uphold ethical values to combat corrupt practices.

The seminar served as an enriching platform for diverse ideas and approaches to address the multifaceted issue of corruption, inspiring a collective commitment to ethical conduct and vigilance within society.

Ms. Mitushi, (Student, First Year) was rapporteur for the event. She recorded the proceedings of the event and prepared the report.