

Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week 2026 at ICAR–NBAIR, Bengaluru

The ICAR–National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources (ICAR–NBAIR), Bengaluru, observed **Vigilance Awareness Week 2026** on 26 October 2026. The programme started by taking integrity pledge by the employees of ICAR-NBAIR. This was followed by a guest lecture by **Shri Vivek Purwar, Chief Administrative Officer (SG)**, ICAR–National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (ICAR–NAARM), Hyderabad.

In his opening remarks, **Dr. T. Venkatesan, Director (A)** highlighted the significance of the theme (*Probity for prosperity*). He emphasised the importance of integrity, accountability, transparency and honesty in the discharge of official duties, particularly in procurement and financial transactions. He also stressed the need to uphold scientific ethics, integrity and credibility while conducting research experiments, ensuring that scientific findings are reliable, authentic and reproducible. Furthermore, he underscored the research outcome should have a meaningful impact on farming community by addressing farmer's challenges and improving their livelihoods.

In his address, **Shri Vivek Purwar** elaborated on the theme of *Probity for Prosperity*, emphasising that fairness, transparency and accountability must guide every official decision and administrative action. He highlighted the importance of preventive vigilance in strengthening institutional integrity and explained the key focus areas of the Central Vigilance Commission's (CVC) preventive vigilance initiatives for 2026. These included timely resolution of pending complaints and cases, capacity building of personnel, adoption of digital initiatives to enhance transparency, and improved contract management practices.

Drawing upon practical experiences and case studies relating to procurement through the Government e-Marketplace (GeM), he explained common procedural shortcomings and the measures required to prevent irregularities. He highlighted the need to adopt fairness in selection of personnel and procurement procedures.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by M. Mohan, Vigilance Officer, ICAR–NBAIR, Bengaluru.







