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## Independent India@75: Self Reliance with Integrity

India is celebrating 75<sup>th</sup> year of its independence

with a theme of "Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsava" to continue for another 25 years to mark centenary.

India since its independence has progressed in many areas - social, economic, political, cultural etc. with abrogation of article-370 recently in the year 2019. However, requires to progress further in many areas thus making the country complete in all respects. One such stigma, the country is facing today is 'Corruption'.

Corruption is a deep rooted evil which is continuously making the country to crumble and is one of the major hurdle in its progress.

To overcome this evil, an autonomous body 'CVC - Central Vigilance Commission' was

formed in the year 1964 to deal with the

corruption cases in organisations like -

Govt., PSUs and Banking Sectors. Corruption

is like an open wound, if left unattended

will spread all over and will ultimately

give pain to us only in long run. Further,

Since 1999 in order to create / spread awareness

about corruption, FVC is organizing 'vigilance

Awareness Week' every year in the month of

Oct-Nov in which birth anniversary of

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel falls i.e. on 31<sup>st</sup> Oct to

mark the highest standard of integrity.

To measure the level of corruption, each country

are placed on a CPI- Corruption perception

Index on a scale from 1 to 100 wherein 1

denotes the high level of corruption and 100

denotes the low level of corruption. India during last count on, CPI was placed in the CPI of 41 which denotes that there is corruption and it has to be eradicated from the root.

The tool to fight corruption is 'integrity'. Integrity is nothing but to be honest in your work and giving 100% in a righteous direction. This can be inculcated in an individual right from childhood in a family, society, village / city, state and in the country. Once the character of integrity is built up in an individual who is going to take up responsibilities in running of the country, automatically the level of corruption will come down and yes it will not be a surprise to say that the corruption will be eradicated from the

Society and country.

Corruption puts hurdle in the development of the country say for example the works get delayed and project fails to complete on time thus having financial repercussions.

Had the project completed on time, the same financials would have been utilized elsewhere may be in education, providing employment, running of welfare schemes to uplift the weaker sections of the society and thus contributing in the actual development of the country. CVC and each Govt. organisations are taking up efforts in spreading awareness about this social menace corruption to minimise and eradicate the same, but it is also the duty and responsibility of each and every

citizen of the country to be vigilant and participate in the process of eradication of this menace then only our country will become corruption free. As a citizen, we come across various institutions - Govt., Non-Government and at many places we are bound to offer bribe or any other favours to get our work done. This encourages corruption in the society and acts like a vicious circle from where it is very difficult to come out. First and foremost individual citizen has to introspect himself/herself and take a pledge that will neither offer bribe nor take if available at a public position and has to implement the same. There is enough power in a spark which can lead to fire and hence each and every individual has to lead the same by example and showing highest

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Integrity in nature which will definitely reach to others and will become a mass movement as we all have a tendency to do worse by looking at each other.

CVC in this direction has initiated a way ~~to~~ wherein one can lodge a complaint against corruption under PIDPI (Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informer).

Each and every one of us has to take onus responsibility to eradicate corruption by being vigilant and strong enough to disallow any sort of evil practices around us and inculcating the character of integrity right from self to family and further.

Thus, theme for this year's vigilance week - 'Independent India @ 75: Self reliance with Integrity' is very apt in itself as India can only become self-reliant if integrity is deep rooted in individual, society, institutions and organisations and corruption is kept at bay / eradicated.

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Independent India @ 75: Self Reliance with Integrity.

India a Socialistic, Democratic and Parliamentary country in which a population of around 135 Crores were residing peacefully with all the rights provided by Constitution of India till date.

Introduction:

It's been 75 years that India got independence and got free by Britishers. India & does not get independence easily. Many sacrifices, many of freedom fighters shed their blood for freedom. Actually when we use the words Self Reliance with Integrity the freedom fighters are the models & examples for

Those words. Before getting independence, they were very Self Reliance with integrity to reach the goal called Independence and they stood as the pioneers for the independent India.

Being an Indian I am very glad ~~to~~ to have such pioneers in my country who ~~not~~ made India free.

\* Is Indian citizens are Self Reliance with Integrity Now?

Coming to the moderate India in current position the citizens of India, including the one who is writing need to examine himself & while asking to ones conscience that is she/he self reliant with Integrity now a days?

to be frank I say NO. Because no one in the country is not willing to follow rules & regulations of the constitution of India.

I would say now that "Corruption is the Cancer that kills India in Socially, Politically and Economically". Every citizen including the politicians who are framing Acts, & Rules & Gazettees are not following the Rules and not respecting the Constitution.

There are many Scams, attacks, ~~acc~~ occurred in India in independent India @ 75 years.

No citizen has the patriotism. If a citizen is very patriotic to his country ~~and~~ he/she don't corrupt, not ask for excuses in constitution,

A citizen with self reliance with integrity can not do any illegal activities, cannot break the rules & regulations.

The one who corrupts, makes ~~is~~ the entire society to makes the corruption. An integral person will live for the better society for better India.

Our forefathers, grand fathers, fathers are been saying till date that India is a Developing Country.

If we cannot eradicate Corruption in India even there are the chances that our children may say to their grand ~~sons~~ children that India is still a developing Country. Aren't we? Yes the countries like Dubai, Israel, Singapore & Malaysia, Japan who got independence after 1947, are highly developed within these 75 years span. Why can't India not yet developed after having these much resources?

Because the reason is "Corruption". The one who makes the laws and one who follows the law are both being corrupted and not having a bit of integrity and character. Though the Central Vigilance Commission taking many measures to eradicate the corruption in India, but somehow some of the corrupted citizens

are still finding some loop holes in the law and increasing the corruption in the country.

Is Government of India taking measures to eradicate corruption?

\*) The CVC (Central Vigilance Commission) under the Govt. of India implementing many measures & practices to eradicate & suppress the corruption in India. It also punishing ~~the~~ severely the one who corrupted.

But the drawback is ~~is~~ if we take the average as of now only 6<sup>corrupted</sup> persons out of 100 corrupted persons are being caught. the remaining 96 corrupted persons are there in Society to increase the corruption.

In 21<sup>st</sup> century, the corruption has been increasing year to year in the country. Many of the citizens especially ~~in~~ the employees in Government companies are more likely to be corrupted. But the fact is most of them are not caught, due to their influences.

The person who is trying to corrupt, is assassinating  
~~his~~ his himself, <sup>his</sup> own character.

How to eradicate Corruption in India:

- \* Every citizen should have patriotism, the one who is patriotic to his nation, he should not corrupt.
- \* The rules & regulations are revised and should punish severely the one who is corrupted.
- \* The Commissions & Corporations in India like, CVC, ACB, CBI, etc. should be ~~be~~ more vigilant. They are not be forced by the politicians, ~~which~~ which makes them to control their duties.
- \* In School children syllabus, ~~the~~ lessons regarding the corruption to be added, then only from that childhood itself they may know that doing corruption is a punishable.
- \* Government employees should be always monitored ~~to~~ in their offices to not to do corruption.

## Conclusion

As India is one of the best & top nations in the world. It has to be developed well ~~well~~ in near future. Every citizen should be integral, reliable and patriotic to the country to make India Corruption free.

Independent India @ 75: Self Reliance with Integrity reminds me once again that as a citizen of India I should make my country proud among the world nations in developing India Socially, Politically and Economically and making India as Corruption free.

Even what others say about my country, Good (or) Bad Positive (or) Negative. I always say.....

"Mera Bharat Mahaan".

Jai Hind..... proud to be a citizen of India.