



International Anti-Corruption Day 2023

Global Symposium on Promoting Transparency

“Strategies for Driving Multi-Stakeholder Engagement to Fight Corruption”

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GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM

Promoting Transparency: Strategies for Driving Multi-Stakeholder Engagement to fight corruption

Engage in Transparency: Advocate for transparency and accountability in government and business practices Support efforts to improve transparency in your community or workplace

9th December , 2023

Gujarat, India



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INTRODUCTION

On December 9th, 2023, the International Anti-Corruption Day was commemorated with a Global Symposium on "Promoting Transparency: Strategies for Driving Multi-Stakeholder Engagement to Fight Corruption," organized by the UN Global Compact Network India (UN GCNI) in collaboration with Atmiya University, Rajkot, Gujarat. The event brought together experts, stakeholders, and participants from various sectors to discuss and strategize on enhancing transparency and accountability to combat corruption.

Corruption significantly threatens sustainable development, democracy, and the rule of law. It undermines trust in institutions, hampers economic growth, and erodes social justice. The observance of International Anti-Corruption Day emphasizes the collective responsibility to combat corruption and promotes international efforts to address this global issue. The symposium featured a panel discussion and multiple activities, including a signature campaign, a social media campaign, and interactive sessions. The proceedings included a welcome address by Dr. Somnath Singh, followed by a theme note delivered by Dr. Shiv K Tripathi, highlighting the importance of transparency and anti-corruption efforts. The panel discussion featured experts from various sectors who shared their insights and strategies to combat corruption. Key speakers included Dr. Shiv K Tripathi, Mr. Dinesh Agrawal, Mr. Pawan Varma, Dr. Karan Thakur, and Ms. Rukaiya Joshi. Interactive sessions allowed participants to engage in discussions and share their perspectives on anti-corruption measures, culminating in a signature campaign where participants took a pledge to say "No to Corruption."

BACKGROUND

Established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2003, IACD aims to raise awareness about the damaging effects of corruption and promote international efforts to combat it. December 9th was chosen to mark the adoption anniversary of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), the first global legally binding instrument against corruption. This year, the theme was "UNCAC at 20: Uniting the World Against Corruption," commemorating the 20th anniversary of UNCAC.



RATIONALE

Corruption significantly threatens sustainable development, democracy, and the rule of law. It undermines trust in institutions, hampers economic growth, and erodes social justice. Thus, promoting transparency and strengthening institutions are critical for sustaining peace and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The observance of International Anti-Corruption Day emphasizes the collective responsibility to combat corruption and promotes international efforts to address this global issue.

Objectives

1. Raise awareness about the link between anti-corruption and peace, security, and development.
2. Understand corruption and its consequences in India and learn about actions taken by various sectors.
3. Identify anti-corruption measures and explore solutions to prevent/control it in India.
4. Foster collective action and involve stakeholders in the fight against corruption.
5. Mobilize individuals, governments, and organizations to take a stand against corruption.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The event featured a panel discussion with experts from various sectors, including government, corporate, healthcare, MSME, academia, and civil society organizations. The discussion focused on promoting transparency and business integrity across sectors, sharing insights and strategies to combat corruption.

Order of the Day (Proceedings)

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The proceedings were as follows:

1. **Welcome Address:** Introduction of the event and its significance by Dr. Somnath Singh.
2. **Theme Note:** Delivered by Dr. Shiv K Tripathi, highlighting the importance of transparency and anti-corruption efforts.
3. **Panel Discussion:** Featuring experts from various sectors who shared their insights and strategies to combat corruption. Key speakers included Dr. Shiv K Tripathi, Mr. Dinesh Agrawal, Mr. Pawan Varma, Dr. Karan Thakur, and Ms. Rukaiya Joshi.
4. **Interactive Sessions:** Participants engaged in discussions and shared their perspectives on anti-corruption measures.
5. **Signature Campaign:** Participants took a pledge to say "No to Corruption."

Inaugural Session



The inaugural session commenced with a symbolic lighting of the lamp, illuminating the path towards a corruption-free world. Leaders, activists, and stakeholders from across the sectors gathered to discuss innovative strategies and collaborative efforts aimed at combating corruption.

Through insightful sessions and constructive dialogues, participants explored the critical role of transparency in governance and business practices. Emphasizing the need for collective action, the symposium underscored the importance of fostering integrity and accountability at all levels of society. As participants exchanged ideas and experiences, a renewed commitment to uphold ethical standards and promote anti-corruption measures emerged, marking a pivotal moment in the global fight against corruption.

Welcome Address by Dr. Somnath Singh



Dr. Somnath Singh, in his welcome address, set the tone for the symposium by emphasizing the global significance of International Anti-Corruption Day and the collective responsibility to combat corruption. He highlighted the importance of transparency, ethical governance, and the critical role of multi-stakeholder engagement in addressing corruption. Dr. Singh warmly welcomed all participants, acknowledging their commitment to the cause and encouraging active participation in the discussions and activities planned for the day.

Theme address by Dr. Shiv K Tripathi



Dr. Shiv K Tripathi, Vice Chancellor of Atmiya University, delivered the inaugural session with a powerful theme note on the importance of transparency in governance and ethical leadership. He underscored the essential role educational institutions play in shaping future leaders who are equipped to tackle corruption effectively. Dr. Tripathi emphasized the need for integrating anti-corruption modules into educational curricula and fostering partnerships between academia, government, and industry to promote a culture of integrity and transparency. His insights provided a strong foundation for the symposium's discussions.

Keynote Address by Mr. Ratnesh Jha



Mr. Ratnesh Jha, Executive Director, UN Global Compact Network India (UN GCNI) delivered the keynote address, focusing on the significance of transparent business practices and robust corporate governance in preventing corruption. Drawing from his extensive experience in corporate social responsibility and

business ethics, Mr. Jha shared successful CSR initiatives that have promoted ethical behavior within businesses. He stressed the importance of stakeholder engagement in creating and maintaining anti-corruption policies, underscoring the responsibility of businesses to contribute to sustainable development by fostering a culture of transparency and accountability.

A Dialogue on Anti-Corruption Collective Action for Ethical Healthcare by Ms. Cristina Ritter



Mr. Cristina Ritter, Head of Anticorruption and Governance at UN Global Compact (UNGC) delivered a dialogue highlighting the need for Anti-Corruption Collective Action for Ethical Healthcare.

In her address, she said, we gather to reaffirm our commitment to ethical healthcare practices through collective action against corruption, I stand before you today not just as a speaker but as a passionate advocate for integrity in healthcare.

Corruption in healthcare systems erodes trust, compromises patient care, and undermines the very foundations of public health. It manifests in various forms—from bribery and kickbacks to fraudulent billing and nepotism—all of which ultimately harm those who depend on our healthcare services the most - the patients.



Today, as we reflect on the theme of collective action, we recognize that combating corruption requires a unified effort. It demands collaboration across sectors—governments, healthcare providers, pharmaceutical companies, civil society, and international organizations like the UN Global Compact Network India—to establish and enforce stringent anti-corruption measures.

We must prioritize transparency in procurement processes, enforce codes of conduct that promote ethical behavior, and empower whistleblowers to speak out without fear of retaliation. Furthermore, integrating technology and data analytics can help detect irregularities and prevent fraudulent activities before they cause harm.

However, our efforts must extend beyond policies and regulations. They must be rooted in a shared commitment to uphold ethical standards and prioritize patient welfare above all else. Each of us here today has a role to play—whether it's advocating for transparency in healthcare policies, conducting due diligence in business dealings, or educating our communities about their rights and responsibilities.

Let us seize this opportunity on International Anti-Corruption Day to renew our pledge to ethical healthcare practices. Together, through collective action and unwavering determination, we can build a healthcare system that is fair, accountable, and deserving of the trust placed in it by patients and society.

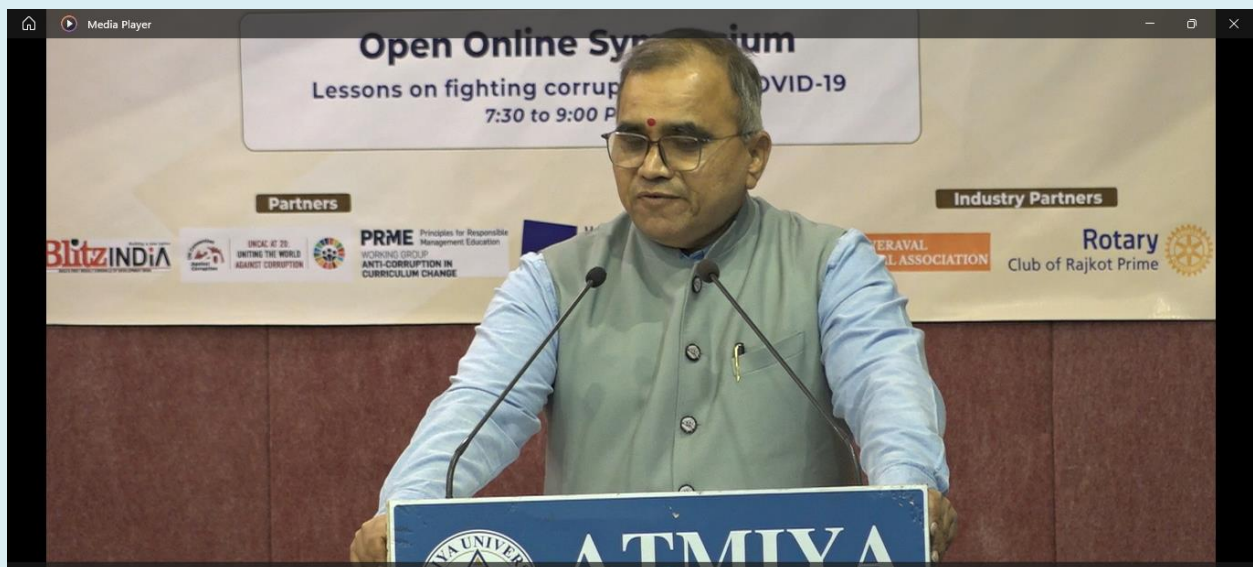
Panel Discussion

A panel discussion at the Global Symposium on "Promoting Transparency - Strategies for Driving Multi-Stakeholder Engagement to Fight Corruption" was expertly moderated by Dr. Somnath Singh, Deputy Director of UN Global Compact Network India. The panel brought together distinguished experts and activists who shared diverse perspectives on combating corruption through enhanced transparency and multi-stakeholder engagement. Participants engaged in robust discussions on innovative approaches to strengthen anti-corruption frameworks, emphasizing the role of ethical leadership, technological advancements, and international cooperation. Dr. Singh skillfully navigated the dialogue, fostering a dynamic exchange of ideas aimed at fostering a culture of integrity and accountability worldwide. The panel underscored the urgent need for collaborative efforts across sectors to effectively address the

challenges posed by corruption, marking a significant milestone in advancing global anti-corruption initiatives.



Prof. Dr. Shiv K Tripathi - Vice Chancellor at Atmiya University, leading the India Chapter of the Humanistic Management Network.



Dr. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor of Atmiya University and a key figure in the Humanistic Management Network, discussed the intrinsic link between transparency and ethical governance. He emphasized that educational institutions play a crucial role in shaping ethical leaders who can tackle corruption at various

levels. He outlined the importance of embedding anti-corruption modules in the curriculum to prepare students for real-world challenges.

Dr. Tripathi suggested the integration of comprehensive modules on ethics and anti-corruption within university programs, highlighting that educational institutions must actively contribute to preparing future leaders to combat corruption with knowledge and integrity. He also advocated for increased academic research focused on identifying and mitigating corruption, as well as fostering partnerships between educational institutions and government bodies to promote transparency. According to Dr. Tripathi, these measures would ensure that students are well-equipped to handle ethical challenges in their professional lives. Lastly, Dr. Tripathi stated, "Educational institutions must act as beacons of ethical practices, preparing future leaders to combat corruption with knowledge and integrity"



Mr. Dinesh Agrawal - Principal Consultant with Consocia Advisory, with over 40 years of experience in ESG, sustainability, and corporate social responsibility.



Mr. Agrawal, Principal Consultant at Consocia Advisory, shared his extensive experience in corporate social responsibility (CSR) and business ethics. He discussed the importance of transparent business practices and the role of corporate governance in preventing corruption. He highlighted successful CSR initiatives that have promoted ethical behavior in businesses.

Mr. Agrawal emphasized the need for robust corporate governance frameworks to ensure accountability and transparency within organizations. He suggested developing CSR programs that focus on ethical practices and transparency, demonstrating that businesses can play a crucial role in fostering ethical behavior. Additionally, he recommended engaging stakeholders in creating and maintaining anti-corruption policies, ensuring that all parties involved are committed to upholding ethical standards. By implementing these measures, businesses can contribute significantly to the fight against corruption. Lastly, Mr. Agrawal stated, "Transparency in business practices is not just a necessity but a responsibility towards sustainable development."



Mr. Pawan Varma - CEO of the Institute for Integrated Development, working in healthcare, women empowerment, and corporate governance.



Mr. Varma, CEO of the Institute for Integrated Development, highlighted the intersection of corruption and social issues like healthcare and women empowerment. He discussed the need for transparent processes in non-profit organizations and shared best practices for maintaining integrity in social projects. He stressed the importance of community involvement and grassroots initiatives.

Mr. Varma emphasized the necessity of ensuring all processes in social projects are transparent and accountable, advocating for stringent measures to maintain integrity in non-profit organizations. He suggested engaging local communities in the planning and implementation of projects to foster ownership and accountability, asserting that community involvement is crucial for the success of anti-corruption initiatives. Furthermore, he recommended sharing and implementing best practices from successful anti-corruption initiatives globally, suggesting that learning from other successful projects can provide valuable insights and strategies. Lately, Mr. Varma stated, "Transparency and community engagement are twin pillars for effective social development and anti-corruption efforts."



Dr. Karan Thakur - Group Sustainability Lead and VP of Public Affairs for Apollo Hospitals Group, with experience in health policy and hospital operations.



Dr. Thakur, Group Sustainability Lead and Vice President of Public Affairs at Apollo Hospitals, spoke about the healthcare sector's vulnerability to corruption. He stressed the need for stringent compliance mechanisms and the promotion of transparency in healthcare administration. He shared insights on how technology can aid in reducing corruption by improving accountability and monitoring. Dr. Thakur proposed the integration of digital tools to enhance transparency and monitor healthcare practices, highlighting the potential of technology to improve accountability. He also called for the establishment of rigorous compliance and audit systems to detect and prevent corruption within the healthcare sector. Furthermore, he emphasized the importance of increasing public awareness among patients and healthcare providers about ethical practices, suggesting that a well-informed public can play a vital role in demanding transparency and integrity in healthcare services. Lastly, Dr. Thakur stated, "Healthcare is a sector where the stakes are life and death, making the fight against corruption all the more critical."



Ms. Rukaiya Joshi - Retired Professor at SPJIMR Mumbai, currently a visiting faculty member and managing trustee of several organizations.



Ms. Joshi, a retired professor from SPJIMR Mumbai, discussed the impact of corruption on education and social development. She provided examples of successful anti-corruption education programs and emphasized the role of community engagement in promoting ethical practices. She advocated for lifelong learning approaches to ethics and integrity.

Ms. Joshi recommended the development of community-based programs to educate the public about the dangers of corruption, highlighting the need for grassroots initiatives. She advocated for promoting continuous education on ethics beyond formal education systems, suggesting that lifelong learning approaches are essential in instilling a commitment to ethical behavior. Additionally, she encouraged policy advocacy to support transparent practices in educational institutions, ensuring that policies are in place to foster a culture of integrity and transparency. Lastly, Ms. Joshi stated, "Education must extend beyond the classroom to instill a lifelong commitment to ethical behavior."



Highlights

The panel discussion covered various aspects of corruption, its impact on different sectors, and the role of transparency in mitigating corruption. Key points included:

- The importance of collective action in combating corruption.
- Strategies for enhancing transparency in government and business practices.
- The role of academia in promoting anti-corruption education and research.
- The significance of robust compliance mechanisms in preventing corruption.
- Insights from industry experts on best practices and innovative solutions to fight corruption.

LAUNCH OF PUBLICATIONS HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPORTANCE OF ANTI-CORRUPTION COLLECTIVE ACTION

During the International Anti-Corruption Day 2023 event, two significant publications were launched, underscoring the event's focus on transparency and anti-corruption measures.

1. Launch of Best Practice Compendium on Anti-Corruption for Healthcare

Best Practice Compendium on Anti-Corruption for Healthcare is a comprehensive guide aimed at addressing corruption within the healthcare sector. This compendium provides detailed case studies, strategies, and best practices for healthcare institutions to adopt to enhance transparency and integrity. It serves as a valuable resource for healthcare professionals, administrators, and policymakers, offering practical solutions to prevent corruption in healthcare.



Mr. Ashutosh Kumar Mishra, Founder, Anbay Legal and consultant to UN Global Compact Network India for the development of the Best Practice Compendium on Anti-Corruption for Healthcare, shared the findings and recommendations highlighted in the compendium. He said that the compendium represents a

culmination of rigorous research and collaboration with industry experts, aiming to establish robust guidelines and strategies to mitigate corruption risks within healthcare systems. Also, shared that the compendium highlights the critical importance of transparency, ethical governance frameworks, and proactive measures to combat corruption in healthcare settings.

2. Launch of Anti-Corruption Brochure



The second publication, "**Anti-Corruption Brochure**," is designed to raise awareness and educate a broader audience about the detrimental effects of corruption and the importance of ethical practices. The brochure includes key information on anti-corruption laws, guidelines for ethical behavior, and steps individuals and organizations can take to combat corruption. It is intended to be an accessible and informative tool for the general public, businesses, and civil society organizations.

Pledge – Say No to Corruption

Taking the pledge to say no to corruption at the workshop on International Anti-Corruption Day 2023 during the Global Symposium on "Promoting Transparency: Strategies for Driving Multi-Stakeholder Engagement to Fight Corruption" was a significant commitment by the audiences from across the sectors present at the event. It underscored the importance of collective action in combating corruption through transparent practices and involving various stakeholders. The audiences signed the pledge as well as shared their voice to fight corruption.

WAY FORWARD

- Continued engagement and collaboration among stakeholders.
- Implementation of the strategies and solutions discussed during the symposium.
- Regular follow-up events to assess progress and share best practices.

The event's impact included raising awareness about corruption and its detrimental effects, strengthening commitment among key stakeholders to fight corruption, and fostering a platform for collective action and knowledge sharing. Moving forward, continued engagement and collaboration among stakeholders, implementation of the strategies and solutions discussed during the symposium, and regular follow-up events to assess progress and share best practices were emphasized as the way forward.

The way forward, as discussed during the International Anti-Corruption Day 2023 symposium, emphasizes sustained multi-stakeholder engagement, continuous dialogue, and the implementation of innovative strategies to combat corruption. Building on the insights and commitments made during the event, it is crucial to establish robust frameworks and policies that promote transparency and accountability across all sectors. Participants highlighted the need for ongoing education and training programs to cultivate a culture of integrity, starting from academic institutions to professional organizations. Additionally, leveraging technology to enhance transparency in processes and transactions was identified as a key strategy. Collaborations between government bodies, private sectors, academia, and civil society should be strengthened to create a unified front against corruption. Regular follow-up events and workshops will be essential to monitor progress, share best practices, and adapt strategies as needed. By fostering an environment of openness and ethical behavior, the collective efforts initiated at the symposium can drive significant change, ultimately contributing to sustainable development and social justice.

STRIKING FEATURES AND ATTRACTIONS

- Kiosk displays with relevant materials.
- Event brochures and dissemination of relevant materials.
- Photography and recording of the event.
- Pledge by participants to commit to anti-corruption.

OUTCOMES

The International Anti-Corruption Day 2023 symposium, organized by the UN Global Compact Network India, resulted in significant outputs and outcomes that contributed to the fight against corruption. The immediate outputs of the event included a well-structured panel discussion featuring insights from experts across various sectors, interactive sessions that engaged participants in meaningful dialogue, and a signature campaign where attendees committed to combating corruption. Educational materials, including brochures and digital content from the social media campaign, were produced to raise awareness and disseminate knowledge about the harmful effects of corruption. The outcomes of the symposium were substantial, marked by an increased awareness and understanding among participants regarding the complex relationships between corruption, peace, security, and development. The event successfully fostered stronger commitments from key stakeholders to implement effective anti-corruption measures within their organizations and sectors.

Participants gained practical insights and strategies from the expert discussions, which they could incorporate into their organizational practices and policies. The symposium also facilitated the formation of new partnerships and collaborations aimed at sustaining anti-corruption efforts beyond the event. These collaborative efforts are expected to lead to the development of more robust anti-corruption frameworks and policies. Furthermore, the event emphasized the importance of multi-stakeholder engagement, encouraging continuous dialogue and coordinated actions among government bodies, private sector organizations, academia, and civil society. The increased commitment to transparency and accountability among participants is anticipated to have a long-term impact on fostering a culture of integrity and ethical behavior, ultimately promoting trust in institutions and advancing social justice. Overall, the outputs and outcomes of the symposium have set a strong foundation for ongoing and future efforts to eradicate corruption and promote sustainable development.

CONCLUSION

The International Anti-Corruption Day 2023 event at Atmiya University successfully brought together stakeholders from various sectors to discuss and promote strategies for transparency and anti-corruption efforts. The collective insights and strategies shared during the event are expected to contribute significantly to the ongoing fight against corruption in India and globally.

In conclusion, the event's comprehensive discussions, strategies, and collaborative efforts highlighted the importance of collective action in addressing corruption and fostering a culture of integrity and accountability across sectors. The insights and commitments generated during the symposium pave the way for ongoing efforts and initiatives to eradicate corruption and promote sustainable development.

NOTEWORTHY MOMENTS FROM THE SYMPOSIUM



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આપણાથી જ થવી જોઈએ: પૂ.ત્યાગ વદત્તભ સ્વામી

આત્મીય યુગ્મિ. અને યુગ્મેનજીસીએનઆઈ દ્વારા ભષ્ટાચાર નિવારણ અંગે યોજાયો પરિસંવાદ

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દિન-પ્રતિદિન સમાજમાં વધતા ભષ્ટાચારથી વિવિત આત્મીય યુગ્મિવર્તિ અને નેશનલ યોલવ કોમ્પેક્ટ નેટવર્ક ઈનિટિયા (યુ.એન.જી.સી.એન.આઈ.) દ્વારા યોજાઈએ અને યોગદાઈએ એમ બને સાધમાંથી ભષ્ટાચાર સામે લેવિક પરિસંવાદનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું. આ પરિસંવાદમાં જુમે નિસ્ટિક મેનેજમેન્ટ નેટવર્ક, રિસપોન્સિબલ યુએન પ્રિવિલેજ્ડ ફોર એમેજમેન્ટ અને આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય સંસ્થાઓનો જવાબદેહ, સમાજને ભષ્ટાચાર બેરુદ સાથે અને સહકાર સાંપડે મુજબ બનાવવું હોય તેો તેની શરૂઆત આપનાથી જ કરવી પડે

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