



IMPACT REPORT

IACD 2024: CALL TO ACTION

Engage in Transparency: Advocate for transparency & accountability in government and business practices

"Empowering Change through Integrity: Cross-Sector Collaboration Against Corruption"

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A Collective Action Towards a Corruption-Free Healthcare Sector

INTRODUCTION

On December 9, 2024, the International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD) marked a watershed moment in India's fight against corruption. Organized by the UN Global Compact Network India (UN GCNI) in collaboration with the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) and AQUAKRAFT, the event convened over 200 participants, including leaders from healthcare organizations, pharmaceuticals, businesses, NGOs, and academia. Held under the theme "Empowering Change through Integrity: Cross-Sector Collaboration Against Corruption," this event underscored a collective action approach to promote transparency and ethics, particularly in the healthcare sector.



A UNITED FRONT: COMMITMENTS FROM MULTI-STAKEHOLDERS

The IACD 2024 program was unique in bringing together diverse stakeholders to engage in transparent dialogue about sector-specific challenges and actionable solutions. Each participant reaffirmed their commitment to combating corruption and enhancing value-based healthcare.

- **Healthcare Organizations:**

Leaders from prominent hospitals and pharmaceutical companies shared their vision of creating transparent systems. Dr. Suruchi Desai, a senior consultant at Nanavati Max Hospital, emphasized the importance of ethical frameworks, saying, "Our duty as healthcare providers extends beyond patients. It is about upholding the integrity of the entire system to ensure fair and equitable access to care."



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• Pharmaceuticals and Businesses

Representatives from companies like Actylis (Aceto Pharma) and Legasis Pvt. Ltd. demonstrated their dedication to combating corruption through compliance innovations. Vikas Gupta, General Counsel, stated, "Technology is not just a tool; it's our strongest ally in eliminating corruption risks across supply chains."

• Academia

Educational institutions are committed to fostering integrity through curricula. Dr. Nirmala Joshi from MET spoke passionately about empowering youth: "The battle against corruption starts in the classroom. By teaching integrity, we create leaders who are uncompromising on ethics."

• NGOs and Civil Society

Organizations like Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital showcased their community-driven initiatives to reduce corruption at grassroots levels, highlighting the transformative power of collective action.



KEY INITIATIVES ANNOUNCED

1. Digital Governance Systems

Stakeholders pledged to adopt AI-powered monitoring tools for procurement and licensing to enhance accountability and transparency.

2. Youth-Led Movements

Academia and NGOs committed to launching integrity-building programs targeting young professionals in healthcare and management.

1. Public-Private Partnerships

Businesses and public institutions agreed to strengthen regulatory frameworks through collaborative models, leveraging technology to minimize discretion and delays in decision-making.

1. Ethical Compliance Programs

Pharmaceutical leaders vowed to implement stricter ethical compliance mechanisms and promote adherence to fair practices throughout the value chain.



COLLECTIVE IMPACT: A VISION OF VALUE-BASED HEALTHCARE

This collaborative approach ensures:

- **Increased Trust**

Patients and stakeholders can rely on ethical practices to ensure fair treatment and access to resources.

- **Sustainable Growth**

Transparent systems pave the way for increased investment and innovation in healthcare.

- **Empowered Communities**

Grassroots movements backed by NGOs and youth leaders foster local ownership of anti-corruption efforts.

“The synergy between sectors at IACD 2024 has ignited hope for a corruption-free healthcare ecosystem in India”



- **A Testament to Commitment**

The concluding Capstone Session reflected the optimism and resolve of the attendees. Dr. Somnath Singh, Deputy Director of UN GCNI, encapsulated the event's spirit: "Corruption cannot be eradicated by isolated efforts. It requires a symphony of commitments from every sector. Today, we have taken a giant leap towards that symphony, setting a course for integrity and value-based healthcare."



- **Looking Ahead**

The partnerships formed at IACD 2024 signal a new era of governance and collaboration. By working together, healthcare organizations, businesses, NGOs, and academia have charted a path toward a corruption-free sector where ethics and accountability reign supreme. The success of this initiative will serve as a beacon for other sectors to follow, proving that through collective action, integrity can become the cornerstone of progress.

