



Press release – Anti-Corruption Academy (ACA)

LAUNCH OF ANTI-CORRUPTION ACADEMY, INDIA

The Anti-Corruption Academy (ACA), India will be launched at New Delhi on 26 April 2016 with the holding of an International Conference on 'Connecting Voices to Combat Corruption'.

The ACA is a private initiative in collaboration with subject specialists from the International Anti-Corruption Academy, Vienna, North Eastern University, USA, GovRisk – UK and Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment (CISI), UK.

Shri Umar Siddiqui, President ACA has also associated senior civil servants from CAG, Central Information Commission, CBI, National Law University, the legal fraternity and Economic Intelligence agencies among others in this endeavour which is the first of its kind in the country. ACA aims to become a centre of excellence by professionalising research and education in anticorruption and good governance, impart training in policy formulation and corruption free implementation and monitoring of schemes.

Transparency International report ranks India 76 out of 168 countries in the Corruption Perception Index for the year 2015. Recognising that corruption is the most significant roadblock in improved governance and development of the country, ACA aims to guide citizens towards a culture and practice of integrity and accountability. Towards this end, the Academy will conduct a two-year part-time Masters Program for working executives and practitioners. A program on Ethical Workplace Training in India will include modules on compliance, integrity and

fairness, diversity and respect, information security, handling conflicts of interest, health and safety, alcohol and drug abuse, sexual harassment, political activities, workplace violence, bribery and kickbacks, anti-competitive conduct and dealing with ethical violations. ACA programs also include Leadership Training.

ACA will impart tailor-made customised training programs to meet the unique challenges faced by different organisations, corporations or institutions. Holding of conferences, seminars and talk shows also forms part of the ACA agenda. Research and Development is an important part of the activities of ACA with basic and applied research in corruption, integrity, accountability, good governance and ethical leadership. The Academy will engage in original research independently or in collaboration with equivalent Centres of excellence in other parts of Asia and the world.

The ACA will engage with all political parties, academia, NGOs and media to tackle corruption in public life at all levels and in the public and private sectors.

The topics at the International Conference on "Connecting Voices to Combat Corruption" are Technical Aids to Fight Corruption, Anticorruption – Legal Framework and Challenges, National Risk Framework and Good Governance and Anticorruption – Educational Path.