

Building Multidisciplinary Frameworks to Combat Corruption

7th Regional Anti-Corruption Conference of the
ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia and the Pacific
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Vote of Thanks

**Additional Secretary Dr. SK Sarkar, Department of Personnel &
Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions**

It is my privilege to propose the vote of Thanks for the 7th Regional conference of the ADB/OECD Initiative on Anti Corruption for Asia Pacific commencing today.

At the outset, I would like to express my profound gratitude to Her Excellency, the President of India for sparing her valuable time to address the gathering, and for highlighting the issues that we need to deliberate on during the Conference. It is an indication of the importance India attaches to the subject of corruption. Her Excellency has highlighted the need for adopting a multi disciplinary approach to deal with corruption, emphasized the need for systemic reforms, and impressed on the need for improving governance. These will also form the basis of deliberations during the two day conference.

I would like to express our sense of obligations to the Hon'ble Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions for his kind guidance for this event, and also in helping us in strengthening various mechanisms of anti corruption framework with the aim to implement the Government's policy towards 'zero tolerance against corruption'. We are also extremely grateful to Secretary, Personnel for her constant and meticulous guidance, and in making this conference happen in India, and also in inspiring us to host it successfully.

We convey our sincere thanks to the Chairman, Union Public Service Commission, and Central Vigilance Commissioner for their gracious presence today. I thank all the senior functionaries of the Governments for their kind presence today.

On behalf of Government of India, we would like to place on record the excellent contributions made by the OECD led by its Deputy Secretary General, and the ADB led by its Vice President by sharing their thoughts on the subject. Our special thanks go to the ADB/OECD Anti Corruption Initiative Secretariat for helping us organize the 7th Regional Conference and 16th Steering Group meeting in India.

These events would not have been possible without its constant guidance and help.

We also thank the representatives of the Member Countries of the Initiative, representatives of the Observer countries/organizations, members of the Advisory Group and International Organisation for their presence today, and we will be immensely benefited by their input during the conference.

I take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to the distinguished panel of speakers, delegates, from India as well as overseas, distinguished participants, and learned guests for participating at the event.

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I would be failing in my duty if I do not convey my thanks to the print and electronic media for the efforts they are taking for coverage of the event, and for highlighting various anti corruption issues at different fora.

Lastly, I thank all the members of the organizing Committee, and all my colleagues who have been involved in this particular exercise for last several months. Without their cooperation and full support, this conference would not have been possible.

Thank you all once again, and we look forward to an extremely productive two day discussion