Integrity Club (IC), a co-curricular activity for students of class VI – IX was launched by Shri Pratyush Sinha, Central Vigilance Commissioner on 17th April, 2009 in Kendriya Vidyalaya, Rangpuri. The launching ceremony was attended by Shri Rang Lal Jamuda, Commissioner, KV Sangathan and Shri V.P. Agrawal, Chairman AAI besides several dignitaries from various educational bodies.

The Club was initiated as a pilot by Corporate Vigilance Department, under the leadership of Shri D.S. Mishra, CVO, at Kendriya Vidyalaya, Rangpuri. IC, like NCC, NSS, Scouts, etc. is an extra curricular activity to rekindle human values in school children during their formative years. A Manual prepared by CVD, giving details of why and how to form IC, and proposed activities during the year, was released by CVC on this occasion.

The members of IC are called as ‘Young Champions of Ethics’ (YCEs) with living values as their motto. Strategy of the Club is “Children learn distinct values playfully as a game and become Champions of Ethics by developing their ethical muscles through practice in their real lives”. Twelve specific values viz. Integrity, Patriotism, Tolerance, Secularism, Simplicity, Honesty, Compassion, Responsibility, Respect, Non-Violence and Unity were identified for inculcating and strengthening through various activities in the Club.

Once the children become present to these values and strengthen their ethical muscles adequately through regular practice over a period of four academic years, they will not only become strong in their values but will propagate them in their real life through their conduct and behaviour wherever they participate e.g. family, neighbourhood, school and working environment etc.

The experiences/results from the pilot at KV, Rangpuri were highly encouraging. During launching ceremony the Commissioner, KV Sangathan announced that this activity will be taken up by all KVs in the country and necessary directions will be issued. The Chairman, AAI announced that IC will be introduced in all schools being funded by AAI and accordingly necessary directions were issued.

The scheme has got good response from proponents of human values. CVC recommended to HRD Ministry to adopt this activity as a co-curricular activity in various other schools in the country so that it may trigger a movement for strengthening ethical fabric of the society at large.

(IC manual and brochure etc. may be downloaded from www.aai.aero)