

JOINT COUNCIL OF ACTION

Income Tax Gazetted Officers Association, Hyderabad
Income Tax Employees Federation, Hyderabad

Dear Comrades,

On 2nd October 2016, all newspapers in India carried one news item as headlines - the news about success of the Income Declaration Scheme (IDS) 2016. When Finance Minister declared the results of IDS, every news channel streamed the event live. This was the single most important press conference regarding income tax in the past few years. This success became possible SOLELY because of exemplary efforts by members of the Income Tax fraternity at all levels. On behalf of ITGOA & ITEF, we take this opportunity to congratulate all our members on this stupendous success.

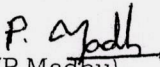
This success was not easy. It was hard fought. To start with, the tax rate of 45% is higher than the tax rate in VDIS of 1997. The energies of the officers and staff were fully engaged in reaching the Interim Action Plan goals in the month of June. Yet, our members did a lot of ground work in compiling actionable data and becoming battle-ready.

In the months of July and August, our members conducted numerous IDS awareness campaigns, across the length and breadth of the jurisdictions, even in remote areas in mofussils. Our members using the information available, traced out and confronted such assesseees and educated them to comply. When the go ahead was given to undertake punitive action, our members raised to the occasion. Members from TDS, Audit, I&CI, etc also joined the assessment ranges and participated in survey operations on a daily basis. Midnight oil did not stop burning during the entire September. Businessmen and professionals from every trade were covered and educated - real estate, jewellers, films, doctors, traders, industrialists, even political class. We worked with conviction and belief, day and night, without holidays, with an increasing drive to make the scheme a success. We raised the bar. When it mattered, we showed our mettle and we delivered. The IDS is now a stellar success, more so in our Andhra Pradesh and Telangana Region.

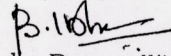
Our members are delivering this success time and again. Our budget targets are increasing at an average of more than 20 % year on year, almost triple the GDP growth rate. In most of the years, we are even surpassing such huge targets. The efficiency and effectiveness of members of Income Tax fraternity in achieving such huge targets can be understood better from one important piece of statistics - Our cost of collection @ 0.5 %, is among the lowest in the world.

Comrades, on behalf of ITGOA & ITEF, we feel proud of this success of our members and congratulate you all once again on this occasion. Our Pr.CCIT has conveyed the congratulations of Member (IT), CBDT through SMS. The Prime Minister has expressed his compliments on twitter. Salutes to Team Income Tax.

Have a great Bathukamma, Dasara and Deepavali. With fraternal greetings,


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