

EDITORIAL

Recently India's leading pharmaceutical laboratory, M/s Ranbaxy Laboratories had to agree to pay a fine of \$ 500 million for lapses in the quality of drugs manufactured by them. We frequently learn from media reports of Indian exports getting rejected due to poor quality, adulteration, etc. This is rampant within the country also. Malpractices to enrich some at the cost of the society are getting reported and go unpunished most often. Now-a-days it is rare to find even a single day issue of any newspaper which does not carry reports of corruption, mismanagement in public governance as well as in the Corporate world. While we have made rules and procedures and we have theoretically encouraged whistle-blowers to expose corruption and other malpractices in public governance or corporates. There is no protection for whistle-blowers. A case of an IIT graduate, Satyendra Dubey who complained about corruption in national high way construction, was mercilessly shot down by the contractor's men. While there was a lot of strong sentiments expressed at that time, there was no sustained effort to institute measures for protecting people like Mr Dubey. While our government continues to make rules and procedures for greater transparency and we as a society believe in educating and reforming the guilty rather than jumping to punish, quick and effective action through deterrent punishment to the persistent wrong-doers is essential and can send strong messages to the evil doers.

This issue of the Asian Journal of Professional Ethics and Management contains some very interesting articles on public governance, among others. It is hoped that our esteemed readers will find these interesting and useful. While we continue to make tighter rules and regulations in ensuring better governance, it is essential to develop passionate commitments to ethics and values and responsibility to the society and environment for achieving good governance for the well-being of our present and future.

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