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1. Salient Features of the Presentation

1.1 Technology as an enabler

- 1.1.1 Technology has enabled governments and businesses to successfully deliver effective solutions for their respective stakeholders, including some solutions that were implemented on a mass scale and positively impacted the lives of millions of citizens
- 1.1.2 The adoption of technology has **reduced corruption** by increasing transparency through digital interactions and minimizing the need for citizens or businesses to interact physically with officers (train tickets, IT returns, etc)
- 1.1.3 The use of technology has helped in mitigating frauds (GPS tracking, Geo Tagging)
- 1.1.4 Technology and digital tools are **helping investigators crack cases faster** (example investigation of insider trading, money laundering, conflict of interest, etc)
- 1.1.5 However, ineffective understanding or over dependency on technology without sufficient knowledge of underlying loopholes and limitations may give a false sense of comfort leading to r fraudsters/corrupt individuals to exploit the loopholes for personal gains
- 1.1.6 Tec**Knowledge**y the knowledge of technology and underlying loopholes is important for vigilance professionals to mitigate the risk of frauds and corruption
- 1.1.7 It is key to learn from real life case studies and understand loopholes in the system and improve it. Some examples include:

- 1.1.7.1 **Manipulation of eBids or online auctions-** a third party was appointed to improve the e-bidding system in an organization and were given admin access which was not disabled. This allowed them to share the data with a prospective bidder.
- 1.1.7.2 **Duplicate payments on Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems-** within ERP, duplicate invoices are possible, for example by use of special characters, or using same invoice over two different quarters. Maker checker controls become redundant when people (maker or checker) share passwords.
- 1.1.7.3 **Manipulation of biometric attendance records-** in the factory premises of an organization, it was found that four fingers' imprint were taken of each individual as there were chances of workers getting hand injury and one finger imprint may not work. In the backend, these four fingers' imprint were not connected with one ID but were connected with four different IDs. In another case, it was found that the resolution was modified to 90 percent, which means pretty much anyone can give attendance for anyone else.
- **1.1.7.4 Electronic weighbridge manipulation** it was found that the weight of inventory varied depending on the placement or positioning of the vehicle on the weighbridge (either on the right side, left side or centre of the machine).
- **1.1.7.5 Disintegrated systems** manual intervention- today, the reconciliation process is only aimed at reconciliation and not identification of gaps and anomalies. This can give rise to a scenario where if a transaction shows amount is paid to X but it actually goes to Y. During reconciliation, the amount matches, but there is no way to find this anomaly.
- **1.1.7.6 GPS device tracking frauds-** e.g. the device is removed from vehicle and GPS only tracks the device providing an opportunity for manipulation by fraudsters.
- **1.1.7.7 Ease of operation vs strict controls-** e.g. when a new system is implemented, there are teething problems. Modifications are made to the system and in the process, overall control may be reduced. For e.g., backdating is not allowed. Employees may face problems in the month

of March when there are thousands of invoices. So, the system is enabled to <u>allow backdating for a limited period</u>. Adequate monitoring control is needed so this feature is used for limited periods and not for a longer duration.

1.1.7.8 Digital lending fraud – Digital lending frauds are on the rise with fraudsters building their online profiles based on pre-defined criteria which makes them eligible for pre-approved digital loans

2. Way Ahead

2.1 Role of vigilance professionals

- 2.1.1 Create awareness for all stakeholders in the organization to be vigilant
- 2.1.2 Proactive review and identification of vulnerabilities in digital processes and business models
- 2.1.3 Collaborating with management to help remediate and address the vulnerabilities
- 2.1.3 Leveraging technology
 - 2.1.4.1 Use of forensic data analytics tools to proactively identify fraud patterns
 - 2.1.4.2 Use of Robotic Process Automation (RPA) in Compliance and Vigilance

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