

02 Days Training Programme on Right to Information (RTI) Act – 2005

March 3 – 4, 2025

The Right to Information Act, which was passed on June 15, 2005, is a tool designed to enhance transparency and accountability in the operations of public authorities by allowing citizens to obtain information that is held by or under the control of these authorities.

To raise awareness, familiarize, and educate all officials at NIT Hamirpur about the key provisions of the RTI Act, Dr. Archana Santosh Nanoty, Registrar, and Dr. Inderpal Singh, CPIO, conducted a training and awareness program focusing on the RTI Act. In the workshop the newly appointed faculty & Staff members were apprised of their duties of deemed PIO for the effective discharge of official duties alongwith emphasis on Section 4(1) regarding the disclosure of Suo-Motu information from March 3-4, 2025.



The purpose of the training was to educate officers about the key features of the RTI Act, 2005, and the roles and responsibilities of the Transparency Officer, CPIO, and Deemed PIOs. The session was led by Shri R.P. Sejwal, an expert in RTI training for officers across various ministries, departments, and public authorities. Shri Sejwal discussed the types of information commonly requested under the RTI Act, the timelines for providing information

to applicants, as well as the implications and details of various RTI cases, their outcomes, and rulings from the CIC, honorable High Courts, and the Supreme Court. He also highlighted the importance of suo-motu disclosure of information as per Section 4(1) of the RTI Act.



Dr. Archana Santosh Nanoty, Registrar, urged officers to strive towards making NIT Hamirpur more compliant with the RTI Act requirements and stressed the importance of proactively disclosing information on the NIT Hamirpur website, with regular updates. She encouraged participants to fully engage in the training session, highlighting that it would provide them with in-depth knowledge of the RTI Act, enhancing their ability to handle day-to-day RTI queries. She also emphasized the significance of information in today's data-driven world. The training session was met with a positive response, attracting over 40 officers and staff from various departments at NIT Hamirpur.

After Shri Sejwal's presentation, an interactive session was held where participants asked several questions based on their previous experiences with RTI queries concerning the Indian automotive and allied industries. Shri R.P. Sejwal responded to these questions by referencing relevant judgments from the CIC, High Courts, and the Supreme Court.



Following the training session, Shri Sejwal held a meeting with officials from the Accounts, Establishment, Purchase, and Finance departments to explain the process of providing suo-motu disclosures on the NIT Hamirpur website and submitting self-appraisal reports. Dr. Archana Santosh Nanoty, the Registrar, also engaged with Shri Sejwal and sought his guidance on regularly updating the NIT Hamirpur website in accordance with the RTI Act.

A session was held for the residents of the surrounding area to raise awareness about the Right to Information Act 2005, its significance, and the different methods through which citizens can access information. The session was led by Shri R.P. Sejwal and Dr. Inderpal Singh, the CPIO of NIT Hamirpur, with over 25 participants in attendance.

Dr. Inderpal Singh, CPIO, extended his sincere gratitude to all the participants for their active involvement. He specifically thanked Prof. HM Suryawanshi, Director, and Dr. Archana Santosh Nanoty, Registrar, Prof. Rajeevan Chandel, Transparency Officer for their significant contributions and valuable support in making the training program a great success. He also expressed his thanks to the teams at NIT Hamirpur, Shri Anil Kumar, and Shri Jagadish Verma for handling the logistics, as well as Sh. Ashwani Soni and Mr. Vasu Tyagi for their essential assistance throughout the training program.





Official of NIT Hamirpur and the Local citizens attending RTI Awareness Programme



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