

RTI Training Cum Awareness Session

June 10-11, 2014

The Right to Information Act enacted on June 15, 2005, is an instrument to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority by enabling citizens to access information held by or under the control of public authorities.

To sensitise, familiarise and educate all the officials in IIM Udaipur about the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, Mr Sivakumar Mathada, Chief of Administration and Dr Arvind Sharma, CPIO organised a training cum awareness program on the RTI Act with special emphasis on section 4(1) of the RTI act, disclosure of suo-moto information, for effective discharge of their duties and responsibilities on June 10-11, 2014.



The aim of the training was to make officers aware of the salient features of the RTI act, 2005, roles and responsibilities of Transparency Officer, CPIO and Deemed PIOs. The speaker on this occasion was Shri. R. P. Sejwal who has expertise in providing RTI training to officers of various ministries, departments, and public authorities. Shri. Sejwal talked about the types of information generally sought under RTI Act and timelines for providing information to applicant, implication, and details of various RTI cases, their outcomes along with judgements of CIC, honourable High Courts and Supreme Court etc. He also touched upon the need for suo-moto disclosure of information under section 4(1) of the RTI act.



Mr Sivakumar Mathada, Chief of Administration, exhorted officers to work towards making IIM Udaipur more compliant with the requirement of the RTI act and emphasized the need for a proactive disclosure of information in IIM Udaipur website and its updating on regular basis. She encouraged the participants to make the most out of this training session, as it will help them to gain extensive knowledge about RTI act, allowing them to get more experience in dealing with day-to-day queries of RTI, she also stressed the need of information in today's data oriented world. The training session received an overwhelming response and was attended by more than 60 officers and staff of IIM Udaipur from various departments. The interactive session, which followed the presentation of Shri Sejwal, witnessed several questions by the participants based on their past experience in dealing with RTI questions on Indian automotive & allied Industry. Shri R. P. Sejwal answered them based on the available judgments made by CIC/High Court/Supreme Court etc.



After the training session, Shri. Sejwal had a meeting with officials of Accounts, establishment, Purchase and finance so as to explain the modalities of providing suo-moto disclosure on IIM Udaipur website and submission of self-appraisal report. Mr Sivakumar Mathada, Chief of Administration, also interacted with Shri. Sejwal and requested his guidance to update the IIM Udaipur website as per RTI act from time to time

The one session was conducted for the residents of the surrounding area to spread the awareness about the Right to Information Act 2005 its importance and the various ways through which the citizens can obtain information. The session was conducted by Shri. R.P.Sejwal & Dr Arvind Sharma, CPIO of IIM Udaipur in which more than 60 people participated.



Dr Arvind Sharma, CPIO expressed his heartfelt thanks to all the participants for their active participation. He gave special thanks Prof Ashok Banerjee, Director & Mr Sivakumar Mathada, Chief of Administration for immense contribution and valuable cooperation in making the training programme a grand success. He thanked to all the teams of IIM Udaipur for all the necessary help during the training programs.

