

## RTI and Transparency training from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> August 2022

The right to information is implicitly guaranteed by the Constitution. However, with a view to set out a practical regime for the citizens to secure information as a matter of right, the Indian Parliament enacted the Right to Information Act, 2005. This law is very comprehensive and covers almost all matters of governance. This Law has a wide reach, being applicable to Government at all levels- Union, State and Local as well as to the recipients of substantial government funds.

The basic object of the Right to Information Act is to empower the citizens, to promote transparency and accountability in the working of the Government, to contain corruption, and to enhance people's participation in democratic process thereby making our democracy work for the people in a real sense.

As an autonomous institution under DST, we are bound by RTI and all our processes have to be transparent and clear for the citizens of India. For that we have to make the information easily available either on our website or from the different sections of our institute. We have appointed all the necessary officials under the RTI ACT and last year we have got B grade in the transparency audit which is very good. However we have to go up to the A grade with the cooperation from all the sections of the Institute.

To create awareness, a 3day workshop on RTI and Transparency was conducted from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> August 2022. The main faculty was Mr. Ram Prakash Sejwal, M.Tech, MBA who is a regular faculty of IISTD and NICF with vast knowledge on many processes in the government .

On 4<sup>th</sup> August, a full day training programme was arranged for all officials related to RTI and transparency in the Institute.





On 5<sup>th</sup> Aug, forenoon was devoted to the review of the RTI information published on the website, guided by the expert faculty.

Afternoon session was held in the BMT Wing, Poojappura for scientists and engineers regarding RTI queries related to Research.



On 6<sup>th</sup> August, forenoon was devoted to the review of the RTI information published on the website, guided by the expert faculty.

The concluding session was held in the afternoon which was attended by doctors and nurses. The session was inaugurated by the Director in the presence of the Medical superintendent and Deputy Director. Director then gave away the certificates to the trainees.

The topic for the day was RTIs related to Medico-legal cases.





Next, Dr.Jaya S Anand, Retd. Professor, Institute of Management in Govt, spoke online, to all staff in the three wings on the basics of filing an RTI application and appeals thereon , in Malayalam. She cleared doubts at the end of the session.

All three days were marked by the enthusiasm of the participants who asked many questions and had a good interaction with the guest faculty.