

P.G. Diploma Course on Right to Information and Democracy

Paper I - Introduction to RTI Act and Drafting of RTI Application

- a. Right to information and obligations of public authorities.
- b. How to seek information under Act.
- c. Which Information can be dispensed?
- d. Central & State Information Commissioner.
- e. Appeals & Penalties.
- f. Drafting an RTI application.
- g. Technicalities of drafting RTI questions as per RTI Act, 2005.

Paper II - Public Authorities and Exemptions under RTI Act.

- a. Definition of Public Authority under RTI Act. 2005.
- b. Exemptions under the purview of RTI Act, 2005.
- c. Public Authority vis a vis definition of 'State' under Indian Constitution.
- d. Dimensions of exemptions and public interest under RTI Act, 2005.
- e. The role of State in dispensing justice to masses via Access to Justice Mechanism.
- f. Leading cases on Public Authority and Exemptions under RTI Act, 2005.

Paper III – Democracy and Challenges to RTI.

- a. Transparency & Accountability under RTI Act, 2005.
- b. Challenges to archetypal democracy by the virtue of RTI Act.
- c. Role of RTI Act in reducing corruption in Society.
- d. Role of Judiciary in expanding horizons of RTI Act, 2005.
- e. Suo-motu disclosures under RTI Act, 2005.
- f. Good Governance.

Paper IV – Misuse of RTI Act, 2005.

- a. Frivolous Application under RTI.
- b. RTI activism v. Personnel vendetta.
- c. Voluminous questioning under RTI application.
- d. The objective of RTI Act is larger interest or personal interest.
- e. Misuse of RTI and CIC.

Paper V - Dissertation.

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