



MTM College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Veliyancode

Department of Sociology

Certificate Course

Right to Information Act

Total hours: 30 hours

Course code: MTM SO01

Course evaluation: Written Exam- 50 marks & Internal evaluation- 25 marks

Course Description

Right to information has gained importance for purposes of accountability and transparency in governance of a democratic State. In this course, students are going to learn about the Right to Information Act.

Course Learning Outcomes

After the successful completion of the course, the students will be able to

*Describe and analyses concepts and legislative provisions related to Right to Information in India

*apply the steps information from public authorities under RTI act analyses the relationship of Right to Information Act with other statutes in India

* Identify different legislation with provisions beneficial or adverse to freedom of information

Syllabus

MODULE 1: INTRODUCTION TO RTI (6 hours)

- ❖ Significance Of RTI In a Democracy;
- ❖ Good Governance & RTI;
- ❖ RTI & International Instruments;

- ❖ Historical background - Brief Legislative History of RTI Law in India,

MODULE 2: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (8hours)

- ❖ Constitutional Basis of RTI
- ❖ Citizens' right to know.
- ❖ Campaign for freedom of information.
- ❖ Constitutional provisions;
- ❖ Freedom of Information Bill;

MODULE 3 RIGHT TO INFORMATION UNDER OTHER LEGISLATIONS (7hours)

- ❖ Companies Act, 2013.
- ❖ Income Tax Act, 1961, Competition Act, 2002,
- ❖ Intellectual Property Information,
- ❖ Representation of People's Act, 1951,
- ❖ Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973,
- ❖ Disclosure of Information and Public Interest
- ❖ Digital Data transmission and Right to Information.
- ❖ Role of Media in disseminating information.

MODULE 4 RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005 (9hours)

- ❖ Salient features of the Act
- ❖ Definitions Information & Right to Information
- ❖ Appropriate Government,
- ❖ Central Information Commission,
- ❖ Central Public Information Officer.
- ❖ Chief Information Commissioner,
- ❖ Competent Authority.
- ❖ Public Authority.

Reference:

Right to Information Act, 2005 : An Analysis A. S. Yadav 4th Ed.(Rep.) 2021
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Practical Guide to the Right to Information Act, 2005 by [Adv. Neeraj Salodka](#)