

ACTIVITIES 2017-18

WORKSHOP ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND TALK ON RTI ON 16/11/17

1) Talk on Right to Information by Mr. Shailesh Gandhi

Right to Information (RTI) is an Act of the Parliament of India to provide for setting out the practical regime of right to information for citizens and replaces the erstwhile Freedom of information Act, 2002. Under the provisions of the Act, any citizen of India may request information from a “public authority” which is required to reply expeditiously or within thirty days. The Act also requires every public authority to computerise their records for wide dissemination and to proactively certain categories of information so that the citizens need minimum recourse to request for information formally.

This law was passed by Parliament on 15 June 2005 and came fully into force on 12 October 2005. The first application was given to a Pune police station. Information disclosure in India was restricted by the Official Secrets Act 1923 and various other special laws, which the new RTI Act relaxes. It codifies a fundamental right of citizens.

Mr. Gandhi gave a detailed explanation about the right and its importance. He went on to discuss the impact of this act and how one can file the RTI. It was a very enriching session which gave us the insights of the Act by understanding the hidden clauses.

The talk was organised by The Public Concern for Governance Trust is a registered trust, founded by some a group of citizens having the experience and the expertise to access legal solutions, mobilize public opinion for larger participation in the cause of good governance; to ensure just and transparent implementation of the law. It upholds and supports any effort made by common man against undue exploitation.

Below are a few glimpses of the session:





2) Workshop on Disaster Management by Mr. A. Gopalakrishnan

The United Nations defines a disaster as a serious disruption of the functioning of a community or a society. Disasters involve widespread human, material, economic or environmental impacts, which exceed the ability of the affected community or society to cope using its own resources.

In this workshop, Mr. Gopalakrishnan gave some valid situations and discussed the process of escaping from a disaster, possibly unharmed. His examples and situations were relatable and his plan of action for each disaster were practical and well demonstrated.

This workshop was organised by One India One People Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation, set up by the late Mr. Sadanand A. Shetty, an industrialist, in August 1997, coinciding with India's 50th year of Independence. The purpose of the Foundation is to build awareness about various issues concerning India, in order to bring about a systemic change.

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