

## ***“An Audit of the 10 years of Right to Information Act 2005:Issues and Challenges” on 26th November, 2015***

The Right to Information Act, 2005 was enacted with the avowed objective of providing an effective framework for effectuating the Right of Information recognized under Article 19 of the Constitution of India and to provide for setting the practical regime of RTI for citizens to secure access to information under the control of public authorities in order to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority. Since its inception, the RTI has been used by several citizens, workers and activists to the advantage of millions of common masses of India.

The Seminar commenced with the Inaugural Ceremony which entailed the customary practice of lighting the lamp. The dais was marked by the presence of Mrs. Annapurna Dixit (Former CIC) as Chief Guest, Guest of Honour Prof. Saleem Akhtar (Former Dean AMU Aligarh & Former Dean of Ansal University Gurgaon), Mr. Gorge Kuruville (M.D. BECIL, Noida), Dr. Anurag Deep(Associate Professor ILI New Delhi), Mr. Siddharth Kumar(Social Entrepreneur and President of Network of Indian Professionals of Ottawa, Canada), Mrs. Jacinthe Marcil (Project Manager, International Development Research Centre, Canada). The keynote address has been given by Mrs. Annapurna Dixit (Former CIC). She said that however, article 19(1)(a) of the India’s constitution provides “Freedom of Expression”, as a Fundamental Right and the Supreme Court of India has already declared “Right To Know” as a fundamental Right under article 19(1)(a). It means to know the information any one can approach to the High Court or Supreme Court directly, but this effort was not enough to avail the information properly and systematically as well as uncertainty was their regarding its applicability which was creating ambiguous situation and facing difficulties to avail the information from the various agencies of government and non-government organizations.

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