

Seminar on “Right to Information”

Date – 27th September, 2019,

Venue- Seminar Hall

Balaji Law College, Pune, organized a one day Seminar on “Right to Information” on 27th September 2019 at 11.00 am. The core concept of the seminar was to guide students to use Act, understand its nuisance and file their first RTI application. The event was held in collaboration with Money Life Foundation a nonprofit organization which has a Right to Information Centre that works at empowering people about speeding awareness about act. The workshop enlightened that RTI is a powerful tool that help people address issues that affect them or work towards the betterment of society by making public officials accountable. Thus the main objective of the workshop was to make students aware about the salient features of the RTI act 2005, roles and responsibilities and Transparency Officer.

Three sections of the workshop were held from 11 am to 1:15 pm. starting at 8:30 am, workshop registration opened. All of the students arrived at the workshop location eager to participate. 60 students in all attended this programme. Honorable Principle Dr. Purshottam Wadje welcomed and congratulated the guest speakers before the session began. The MonyLife Foundation has a prominent activist on its panels, and Mr. Shailesh Gandhi, Mr. Vijay Kumbhar, and Ms. Vinita Deshnukh led the session.

Dr. Purshottam Wadje addressed the gathering. The First session started by former Central Information Commissioner (CIC), Shailesh Gandhi from 11.15 am to 12.15

pm. Mr Gandhi focussed on the understanding of the key provisions of the RTI Act and how to file effective applications with important dos and don'ts to ensure your queries are answered. Mr Gandhi delved more on the intricacies of filling the forms and the best practices to be followed.

The second session was started by Vijay Kumbhar at 12:15-12:30 pm. He focused on what kind of information can be sought and emphasized that all information that is available as a record in any tangible form can be provided.

Last session started at 12.30 pm to 12.50pm by Ms. Vinita Deshnukh, she explained the RTI application format and the format for filing an appeal to the participants the application should be addressed to the right department. If not done, it would create unnecessary delays. The RTI should be sent preferably through Speed Post, as this you get an acknowledgement that the public information officer (PIO) has received it

All the students actively participated in interactions and raised various points which were clarified by the speakers. All the speakers were felicitated with shawl, garland and memento. All the speakers were provided with High class Lunch

All the sessions were very fruitful and informative. The Cell In charge, Asst Prof. Sangeeta Verma expressed gratitude to all the resource persons, members of various committees of workshop and management of Balaji Law College. Session ended up with National Anthem at 1.15 pm.

