

# 03 Days Training Programme on Right to Information (RTI) Act – 2005

## May 5–7, 2025

The Right to Information Act, which was passed on June 15, 2005, is a tool designed to enhance transparency and accountability in the operations of public authorities by allowing citizens to obtain information that is held by or under the control of these authorities.

To raise awareness, familiarize, and educate all officials at Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) about the key provisions of the RTI Act, Dr. Kashinath Samagandi, Director, and Sh. Mudit Sharma, CPIO, conducted a training and awareness program focusing on the RTI Act. In the workshop the newly appointed faculty & Staff members were apprised of their duties of deemed PIO for the effective discharge of official duties alongwith emphasis on Section 4(1) regarding the disclosure of Suo-Motu information from May 5-7, 2025.



The purpose of the training was to educate officers about the key features of the RTI Act, 2005, and the roles and responsibilities of the Transparency Officer, CPIO, and Deemed PIOs. The session was led by Shri R.P. Sejwal, an expert in RTI training for officers across various ministries, departments, and public authorities. Shri Sejwal discussed the types of information commonly requested under the RTI Act, the timelines for providing

information to applicants, as well as the implications and details of various RTI cases, their outcomes, and rulings from the CIC, honorable High Courts, and the Supreme Court. He also highlighted the importance of suo-motu disclosure of information as per Section 4(1) of the RTI Act.



Dr. Kashinath Samagandi, Director, urged officers to strive towards making MDNIY more compliant with the RTI Act requirements and stressed the importance of proactively disclosing information on the MDNIY website, with regular updates. He encouraged participants to fully engage in the training session, highlighting that it would provide them with in-depth knowledge of the RTI Act, enhancing their ability to handle day-to-day RTI queries. He also emphasized the significance of information in today's data-driven world. The training session was met with a positive response, attracting over officers and staff from various departments at MDNIY.

After Shri Sejwal's presentation, an interactive session was held where participants asked several questions based on their previous experiences with RTI queries concerning the Indian automotive and allied industries. Shri R.P. Sejwal responded to these questions by referencing relevant judgments from the CIC, High Courts, and the Supreme Court. Following the training session,





Shri Sejwal held a meeting with officials from the Accounts, Establishment, Purchase, and Finance departments to explain the process of providing suo-motu disclosures on the MDNIY website and submitting self-appraisal reports. Dr. Kashinath Samagandi, Director, also engaged with Shri Sejwal and sought his guidance on regularly updating the MDNIY website in accordance with the RTI Act.

A session was held for the residents of the surrounding area to raise awareness about the Right to Information Act 2005, its significance, and the different methods through which citizens can access information. The session was led by Shri R.P. Sejwal and Sh. Mudit Sharma, the CPIO of MDNIY, with over 25 participants in attendance.



Officials of MDNIY attending RTI Training Programme May 5-7, 2025.