Central University of Tamil Nadu
School of Legal Studies
Department of Law

TWO DAY
RTI TRAINING PROGRAM

16th and 17th March, 2022

3 pm - 5 pm

Pro-VC Hall

Welcome Address

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Dean and Patron
School of Legal Studies

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Prof.M.Krishnan
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
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Felicitation

Prof. S. Manivannan

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RTI Training Program

The Department of Law, School of Legal Studies organised a two-days training program for the authorities engaged in RTI, faculty members, and staff of the Central University of Tamil Nadu. Each Department and Section nominated participants for the program. Thereby, forty members participated in the event. The program which was held on 16 and 17 March 2022 was inaugurated by our Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. M. Krishnan. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor requested that the training program not only cover the right to information but also means to prevent the abuse of the mechanism thereby ensuring that public resources can be spent on the promoting transparency.

Dr. Velmurugan P.S., Dean, School of Legal Studies welcomed the gathering and spoke about the long journey that the champions of free speech have had to take to ensure that we, the citizens of India enjoy the right to information. Prof. Manivannan, the Central Public Information Officer, delivered the felicitation address. He emphasised on the need for such training programs on RTI and also shed light on the questions that are frequently asked to CUTN.

The inaugural was followed by sessions by Dr. Sangeetha Sriraam, Assistant Professor, Department of Law. On day one, Dr. Sangeetha Sriraam covered on the constitutional basis of right to information, the drafting history of the Act, and its salient features. This was followed by a session on what is understood by the term 'information' by law and what falls within the ambit of 'right to information'.

The program received enthusiastic participation on day two as well. Dr. Sangeetha Sriraam expounded on how to seek information, do's and don'ts. She also shared some tips on drafting of the RTI to ensure that the accurate information is received from the public authority.

The penultimate session dealt in detailed on how to respond to RTIs. The acceptable exemptions under the law were explained with illustrations. In particular, areas that pertain to CUTN *inter alia* queries regarding exams, promotions, recruitments, and admissions were discussed in great detail. This was followed by a presentation on suo-moto disclosures was carried down.

The last session on day two was a Q&A. Participants clarified their doubts on both seeking and responding to RTI queries. Overall, the program was a grand success. It is proposed to conduct such programs on an annual basis.