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## Special Lecture on 'Right to Information'

### Programme Report:

Right to information is one of the important rights of every citizen of this nation and it has been provided under Right to Information Act. Indeed our college organized a special lecture on the topic (Right to Information) on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 at 10.30 Am. And due to covid pandemic this programme was organized through online (by using Zoom Meeting <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76798868740?pwd=YytSTmdjZUFabEtzRnF2c3Y3eHdkQT09>, Meeting ID: 767 9886 8740 Password: prashanth). This lecture was done by Prof. Suresh K.S Chief Executive, JSS Law College, Mysuru. In is peach he had mentioned about Although Right to Information is not included as a Fundamental Right in the Constitution of India, it protects the fundamental rights to Freedom of Expression and Speech under Article 19(1)(a) and Right to Life and Personal Liberty under Article 21 guaranteed by the Constitution. The authorities under RTI Act 2005 are called public authorities. The Public Information Officer (PIO) or the First Appellate Authority in the public authorities perform quasi-judicial function of deciding on the application and appeal respectively. This act was enacted in order to consolidate the fundamental right in the Indian constitution 'freedom of speech'. Since RTI is implicit in the Right to Freedom of Speech and Expression under Article 19 of the Indian Constitution, it is an implied fundamental right. All government agencies, whether they are under a state government or the Centre, come under the purview of the Act. For example, Municipal Corporations, PSUs (Public Sector Units), Government departments, Ministries at the State as well as Central level, Judiciary, Government owned Companies, Government Universities, Government Schools, Works Departments, Road Authorities, Provident Fund department etc. Finally the resource person had mentioned some of the case laws relating to subject. This programme was witnessed by many participants and at the end Sri. Rajesh M C did vote of thanks to guests and participants.

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