

SPECIAL LECTURE ON RTI

A Special Lecture on RTI was organized on 23rd March 2019. Prof K.S Suresh, CEO, JSS Law College spoke on Right to Information Act-2005. He said that basic object of right to information act is to empower the citizens, promote transparency and accountability in the working of the government. Right to Information Act 2005 mandates timely response to citizen requests for government information. It goes without saying that an informed citizen is better equipped to keep necessary vigil on the instruments of governance and make the government more accountable to the governed. The basic object of the Right to Information Act is to empower the citizens, promote transparency and accountability in the working of the Government, contain corruption, and make our democracy work for the people in real sense. The Act is a big step towards making the citizens informed about the activities of the Government.

Under RTI If information sought concerns the life or liberty of a person, it shall be supplied within 48 hours. In case the application is sent through the Assistant Public information Officer or it is sent to a wrong public authority, five days shall be added to the period of thirty days or 48 hours, as the case may be.

Speaking on the concept of Rights he said the right to information has been recognized as a fundamental right under Part III of the Constitution by the Supreme Court in several cases. The RTI Act, 2005, simply provided an extended regime for enabling effective implementation of the fundamental right to information. He explained various provisions of RTI Act which was followed with questionnaire session. Vote of thanks was proposed by Sri Prashanth TM, Asst.Professor.

