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Organizing

Special Lecture

On

**‘The Role of RTI in strengthening
Indian democracy’**

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Report on RTI Special Lecture

A special lecture on RTI was organized on 26th October 2019 at Sri P.M Chickkaboraiah Hall. Dr. Anand Gowda, Assistant Professor Dept of PG Studies and Research in Political Science, KSOU, Mysuru was invited to speak in the topic “Role of RTI in strengthening Indian democracy”. Speaking in this occasion he said, Right to information is usually used as a synonym for demography and which will make the democracy to shine in the country. This is a tool to strengthen citizen sovereignty. Sweden is the first country to enact the first RTI law in the world in 1766 so far until the end of 2017, 119 countries in the world have enacted RTI. This is also one of the main components of Human rights. Developed countries particularly the European countries are the first one to champion the RTI while Asian countries have also practiced RTI laws pretty well. Latin American countries are well ahead in this implementation.

The RTI is all about making citizens informed informed societies mean a lively and functioning democracy the RTI empowers people to seek information from the government and public organizations and ask for government documents and their copies through the RTI citizens know about government decisions and the limitations of the country and the government.



RTI promotes transparency and accountability citizens feel honored when they get to exercise their right and to have access to the source of information just as the exercise their right information citizens also know about their right to privacy in this process citizens benefits in two ways we are getting information to the RTI and protecting their personal information under the right to privacy.

RTI laws can play a crucial role in combating corruption and it also important in promoting and upholding human rights. Public information officers play a crucial role in ensuring effective implementation of the RTI information officers directly support good governance the state can enhance its popularity by strengthening the information dissemination process it can also increase its acceptance by introducing effective r ti procedures so as to disseminate required information in a speedy and convenient way while public information officers should be given facilities they are so should be given a good environment to perform and connect with people so to see information this way the officers can deliver maximum level of information available with them a good officer means how quickly and accurately she or he can address the citizens call for information. Necessary information must be provided at the earliest possible after getting request from the people because delete this is will means injustice 2 those seeking information delay in providing information Means authorized out among members of the public over the government agencies and public organizations.

Focusing on other countries position on Right to Information he said, Mexico and Serbia are considered the best countries when it comes to delivering information in this country's citizens may get any information from any type of sources such as email text messages for any social networking side designs can even track the progress regarding their RTI request just like in a parcel tracking system.

Even if citizens cannot get all the information as per their expectations they will feel satisfied that their application is under process and that it is on the way to insert agency for example if a person asked hello Sarkar of the Nepal government on the number of people who have sofa climb mount Everest the concert agency main respond in 2 hours first it will forward the query to ministry of tourism which holds all the information about mount Everest with pictures names of the climber and royalty it has collected from the climb bus this may satisfy the person who short information secondly prime minister's office ask all that I immediately from the concerned agency and inform the concerned citizen.



Concluding his speech on the topic he said, lack of information events with answer from realizing their aspirations because it leaves them without the basis to participate in any debate discussions and question answer session regarding the decision making process even if the decisions are determinant to them the RTI provisions can increase and individual aspiration to participate in a debate that is directly or indirectly linked to him or her. Similarly the government and its agencies must have their websites with an exclusive button which people can click to learn about the RTI and related issues the websites that contain all publications legal documents and quarterly and annual reports staff nurse between or tie and ways to encourage people to get information a government that focuses on effective implementation of RTI earns more trust and faith from its citizens transparency should be the motto of any government and its agencies which prove it I can be strength and ultimately benefiting all sections of the society right to information plays a very vital role in strengthening participatory democracy.