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Kot Bhalwal, Jammu

COURSE HANDOUT

Right to Information Law (BBALLB-308)

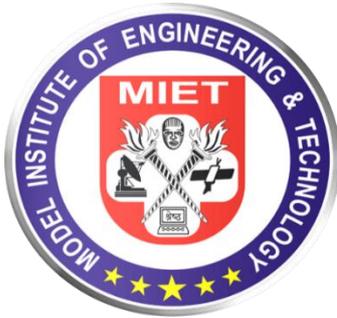
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Course Code	Course Name	Course Type	Cd	L	T	P	Marks		
							Sessional	Final Exam	Total
BBALLB-308	Right to Information Law	Core	2	2	0	0	50	0	50

COURSE OUTCOMES

At the end of the course the student will be able to:

CO1	Analyse the legal aspects in the Right to Information Act in the light of ethics, value and human rights
CO2	Analyse the Public Authorities and their Obligations under the Right to Information Act.
CO3	Explain the Role of Public Information Officers
CO4	Identify the Exemptions from Disclosure of Information, Partial Disclosure and "Third Party" Information.
CO5	Identify how RTI can help in good governance.

Unit-I: Introduction to RTI

- 1.1 Evolution of the Right to Information in India
- 1.2 Philosophy underlying the Right to Information Act, 2005
- 1.3 General Overview of the RTI Act
- 1.4 Explanation of Important Concepts as per the Act
- 1.5 Important Terms used in the Act

(05 Hours)

Unit-II: Public Authorities and Public Information Officers

- 2.1 Public Authority – Meaning, Ambit and Obligations
- 2.2 Role of Public Information Officers
- 2.3 Liabilities of Information Officers
- 2.4 Acceptance of Information Requests
- 2.5 Disposal of Information Requests

(05 Hours)

Unit-III: Non-Disclosure of Information

- 3.1 Exemptions from Disclosure of Information
- 3.2 Partial Disclosure
- 3.3 "Third Party" Information
- 3.4 Grounds of Rejection for Third-Party Information
- 3.5 Application of public interest test with respect to exempted information



(04 Hours)

Unit- IV: Information Commission

- 4.1 Central Information Commission – Constitution, Terms of Office, Conditions of Service and Removal
- 4.2 Powers and Functions of Central Information Commission
- 4.3 State Information Commission – Constitution, Terms of Office, Conditions of Service and Removal
- 4.4 Powers and Functions of State Information Commission
- 4.5 Appeal and Penalty

(06 Hours)

Unit-V: RTI and Good Governance

- 5.1 Role of Civil Society Organisations and Media
- 5.2 Records Management for Effective Information Management
- 5.3 Implementation of the Act
- 5.4 Judicial Interpretation of RTI
- 5.5 Right to Information v. Right to Privacy

(04 Hours)

Textbooks

S.No	Name of the Books	Name of the Author	Publisher Name	Edition (Pub.Yr.)
1	Right To Information Law in India	N.V. Paranjape	Lexis Nexis	1st ed., 2014
2.	Right To Information Law	S.R. Myneni	Asia Law House	3rd ed., 2022

COURSE PLAN

Unit-I Introduction to RTI

S. No	Topics	Recommended Books
1	Philosophy underlying the Right to Information Act	Book 1, Ch.1
2	Movement from civil Liberties to Right of Information	Book 1, Ch.2
3	Concept of Good Governance, Transparency and Accountability	Book 1, Ch.1
4	Conceptual Frame Work of RTI:An Integral Element of participatory Democracy, Access to Information as a basic Fundamental Right	Book 1, Ch.3
5	Brief Legislative History of RTI Law in India	Book 1, Ch.5
6	General Overview of the RTI Act and Obligations of various Stakeholders under the Act	Book 1, Ch.5
7	Important Definitions of RTI Act	Book 1, Ch.5
Unit-II Public Authorities and Public Information Officers [Sections 4-7]		
8	Public Authorities Under the Act	Book 1, Ch.5
9	Duties of Public Authorities to Disseminate information	Book 1, Ch.5
10	Proactive Disclosure by Public Authority and Information on	Book 1, Ch.5





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11	Administrative Mechanism Under the RTI Act for Public Information officers (PIO)	Book 1, Ch.5
12	Main Functions of the Public Information Officers	Book 1, Ch.5
13	Liabilities of Public Information Officers to Provide Information	Book 1, Ch.5
14	Disposal of Request for Information	Book 1, Ch.5
15	The liability of PIO for Failure to Respond	Book 1, Ch.5
Unit-III Non-Disclosure of Information		
16	Exemptions from Disclosure of Information	Book 1, Ch.5
17	Partial Disclosure	Book 1, Ch.5
18	“Third Party” Information	Book 1, Ch.5
19	Grounds of Rejection for Third-Party Information	Book 1, Ch.5
20	Application of public interest test with respect to exempted information	Book 1, Ch.5
Unit-IV Information Commission [Sections 12-17]		
22	Central Information Commission (CIC) and Its Constitution	Book 1, Ch.5
23	Powers and Functions of Central Information Commission (CIC)	Book 1, Ch.5
24	State Information Commission (SIC) and Its Constitution	Book 1, Ch.5
25	Powers and Functions of State Information Commission (SIC)	Book 1, Ch.5
26	Appeal and Penalty under the Right to Information Act	Book 1, Ch.5
27	Appeal Under the Act	Book 1, Ch.5
28	Penalty Under the Act	
Unit-V RTI and Good Governance		
29	Role of Civil Society Organisations and Media in RTI	Book 1, Ch.5
30	Records Management for Effective Information Management	Book 1, Ch.5
31	Implementation of the Right to Information Act	Book 1, Ch.5
32	Judicial Interpretation of the Right to Information Act	Book 1, Ch.5
33	Right to Information vs. Right to Privacy	Book 1, Ch.5

ADDITIONAL WEB RESOURCES

1.	NPTEL: Video lectures on Right to Information by Prof. Sairam Bhat National Law School of India University Bangalore https://onlinecourses.nptel.ac.in/noc20_lw01/preview
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GRADING AND ASSESSMENT

- **Sessional Test:** 20 marks
- **Assignment:** 20 marks
- **Attendance:** 10 marks

COURSE POLICIES

- **Attendance:** Minimum 75% attendance is mandatory to appear in the final examination of the course.
- **Academic Integrity:** MIET's academic integrity policies apply. Plagiarism will not be tolerated.

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- **Late Submissions:** Assignments and projects must be submitted by the specified timelines.

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