

WORKSHOPS ON RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT (RTI) 2005

During the session 2025–26, the Zonal Institutes of Education and Training (ZIETs) of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan organised a series of workshops and awareness programmes on the Right to Information Act, 2005 with the objective of strengthening transparency, accountability, and good governance in office administration. These programmes were conducted for administrative officials including Junior Secretariat Assistants (JSA), Senior Secretariat Assistants (SSA), and Assistant Section Officers (ASO) from feeder regions.

ZIET Bhubaneswar conducted four batches of workshops on “Right to Information Act 2005, Office Procedures and Procurement through GeM” during 13–16 May 2025, 20–23 May 2025, 2–5 June 2025, and 10–13 June 2025, with participation of 148 officials. Dedicated sessions on RTI awareness focused on the objectives and key provisions of the RTI Act, including citizens’ right to information, duties of Public Information Officers (PIOs), timelines for disposal of RTI applications, exemptions under the Act, procedures for appeals, proactive disclosure, and proper record maintenance. Practical examples and case-based discussions helped participants understand the implementation of RTI provisions in day-to-day administrative functioning.

Similarly, ZIET Mumbai organised an RTI Awareness Session on 21 May 2025 as part of the three-day online workshop titled “Mastering RTI, Administrative and Financial Excellence” conducted for SSA and ASO officials from 21–23 May 2025. The session emphasised the importance of transparency, accountability, and citizen-centric administration through effective implementation of the RTI Act. Resource person Shri S. L. Deepankar elaborated on the objectives, salient features, and practical implications of the Act in official functioning. The session covered procedures for handling RTI applications, responsibilities of PIOs and Appellate Authorities, time limits, exemptions, maintenance of records, and best practices for ensuring transparency in offices. Participants actively interacted during the session and clarified practical queries related to RTI compliance and procedures.

These workshops and awareness programmes significantly enhanced participants’ understanding of the legal and administrative responsibilities under the RTI Act and reinforced the importance of ethical, transparent, and accountable governance practices in educational institutions and government offices.

