



National Convention on
“Right to Information: The Road Ahead”

Organised by

Media Information and Communication Centre of India (MICCI)

and

Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES),

In collaboration with

The International Centre, Goa (ICG)

Venue

The International Centre Goa

Dona Paula, Goa

12-13 December 2008

PROGRAMME

Thursday, December 11, 2008

Arrival and Check-in of Delegates at the ICG

2000 hrs Welcome Dinner

Friday, December 12, 2008

9.30 – 10.00 Registration of Delegates

10.00- 11.00 Inaugural Session

Lighting of Lamp

Welcome by:

Welcome Address by:

Theme Address by:

Arjun Halarnkar, Programme Manager, ICG

Rajeshwar Dyal, Senior Media Advisor, FES-India

Nandini Sahai, Director, MICCI

Keynote Address:

Aruna Roy, Member, National Campaign for Peoples Right to Information and recipient of **Magsaysay award** for community leadership and international understanding

Vote of Thanks:

Collin Curry, Trustee, MICCI

11.00 – 11.30

Tea/ Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00

Session I

State wise presentations on the status of Right to Information

Chairperson: Vishnu Rajgadia

Speakers: Dr. Raja Muzaffar Bhat: Jammu & Kashmir
Dr. Dayanand: Uttar Pradesh
Prof. Sanjeev Bhanawat: Rajasthan

[Each speaker 15 mins. Discussion 45 mins]

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00- 15.30

Session II

State wise presentations on the status of Right to Information

Chairperson: Vinita Deshmukh

Speakers: Vishnu Rajgadia: Jharkhand
Ishwar Daitota: Karnataka
Charanjit Singh: Punjab
Prof. Arul Aram: Tamil Nadu

[Each speaker 15 mins. Discussion 30 mins]

15.30- 16.00 Tea/Coffee Break

16.00- 17.30

Session III

State wise presentations on the status of Right to Information

Chairperson: Nikhil Dey

Speakers: Snehasis Sur: West Bengal
Prof. Abdur Rahim: Andhra Pradesh
Frederick Noronha: Goa

[Each speaker 15 mins. Discussion 45 mins]

18.30

Dinner

Saturday, December 13, 2008

9.30- 11.00

Session IV

State wise presentations on the status of Right to Information

Chairperson: Mr. Snehasis Sur

Speakers: Meena Jagtap: Gujarat
Vinita Deshmukh: Maharashtra
Prof. P.N. Mishra: Madhya Pradesh

[Each speaker 15 mins. Discussion 45 mins]

11.00 – 11.30

Tea/Coffee Break

11.30- 12.30

**Open Forum: Suggestions and Recommendations:
THE ROAD AHEAD**

Chairperson: Dr. P.N Mishra

12.30 – 13.00

Valedictory Session

Valedictory Address by: **Nikhil Dey**, Member, National Campaign for Peoples
Right to Information & Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sanghatan

Special Address by: **A Venkatratnam**, (IAS Retd.) Chief Information
Commission, Goa

13.00- 14.00

Lunch

Delegates leave for home

Please Note: The State wise presentations on the status of RTI should be based on the following criteria:

- Major Challenges Facing RTI
- Media's Role in Implementing the RTI Act
- Need for RTI education
- RTI & Role of NGOs