

Regional Seminar on
Right to Information

Jointly organized by

**MEDIA INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION CENTRE OF INDIA;
THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, GOA**

And

FRIEDRICH EBERT STIFTUNG - INDIA

Venue

**The International Centre, Goa
Dona Paula, Goa, India**

29 – 30 June 2007

PROGRAMME

June 29th, 2007, Friday

900-955	Free Registration
1000-1100	Inaugural Session
1100-1130	Tea/Coffee Break
1130-1300	Session I: National RTI vs. Goa RTI: Was Goa RTI more pro-people?
1300-1400	Lunch Break
1400-1530	Session II: Major Challenges facing RTI
1530-1600	Tea/Coffee Break
1600-1730	Session III: Media's role in implementing RTI

June 30, 2007, Saturday

1000-1130	Session IV: Suggestions and Recommendations OPEN FORUM – GROUP DISCUSSION
1130-1200	Tea/Coffee Break
12.00 – 13.00	Session V (Concluding Session) Formation of Goa RTI Forum (A voluntary body)

ABOUT ORGANISERS:

Media Information and Communication Centre of India (MICCI)

MICCI is formally registered as a non-profit Trust mainly devoted to organizing seminars, conferences, workshops, research and publications in the field of media with a national and international focus. We have a network of partners all over India and also South Asia. Some of our longstanding partners include- the Department of Mass Communication, Rajasthan University, Prabhat Khabar Institute of Media Studies, Ranchi, St. Andrews College, Mumbai, Asian College of Journalism, Chennai, Indira School of Communication, Pune, VOICES, Bangalore, South Asian Media Association (SAMA), Hyderabad, Media Education for Awareness and Cultural Transformation (MEDIACT), Kerala, National Institute of Social Work and Social Sciences (NISWASS), Bhubaneswar, Centre for Media Research & Development Studies, Kolkata, Bombay Bar Association and the International Centre, Goa. MICCI will provide a forum to the media to discuss contemporary issues, like Media's role in disaster management and assessing rehabilitation and resettlement work done for Tsunami victims, its role in assessing the State of Democracy in India, Contempt of Court, Training Workshops for Rural Journalists, Challenges facing women journalists and sensitizing the common man for the implementation of the Right to Information Act.

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FRIEDRICH EBERT STIFTUNG, India Office

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