



Seminar on

Right to Information: Strengthening Participatory Democracy

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Venue

International Centre Goa
Dona Paula, Goa, India

October 12 - 13, 2010

PROGRAMME

Tuesday, October 12th, 2010

0900 – 1000	Registration
1000 – 1100	Inaugural Session
1000 – 1005	Welcome Remarks by Ms. Nandini Sahai , Director, ICG & Honorary Director, MICCI
1005 – 1010	Introductory Remarks by Shri. Rajeshwar Dyal , Media Advisor, FES-India
1010 – 1025	Inaugural Address by Hon. Shri. Ramakant Khalap Chairman, Law Commission of Goa and Former Law Minister of India
1025 – 1035	Special Address by Shri. Motilal Sanvlo Keny , Goa State Chief Information Commission
1035 – 1055	Keynote Address by Shri Arvind Kejriwal , Ramon Magsaysay Awardee for Eminent Leadership in 2006
1055 – 1100	Vote of Thanks by: Collin Curry , Trustee, MICCI

1100 – 1115	Tea/Coffee Break
1115 – 1245	Working Session I: RTI and Accountability in Governance
1245 – 1345	Lunch Break
1345 – 1515	Working Session II: Major Challenges Facing RTI
1515 – 1530	Tea/Coffee Break
1600 – 1900	Public Hearing VENUE: MUSUEM HALL, PATTO, PANAJI GOA

Wednesday, October 13th, 2010

1430-1600 **Working Session IV: Role of Media & NGOs in Promoting RTI**

1600-1630 **Tea/Coffee Break**

1630 – 1700 **Open Forum - Suggestions and Recommendations**

1700 – 1715 Concluding Session

END OF THE SEMINAR

ABOUT ORGANISERS

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