

RTI Training and Awareness Session

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The Right to Information Act enacted on June 15, 2005, is an instrument to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority by enabling citizens to access information held by or under the control of public authorities. To sensitise, familiarise and educate all the officials in Centre for Material for Electronics technology, (C-MET) Pune about the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, Dr Milind V. Kulkarni, CPIO & his team organised a training cum awareness program on the RTI Act with special emphasis on section 4(1) of the RTI act, disclosure of suo-moto information, for effective discharge of their duties and responsibilities on September 2– 3, 2024. The aim of the training was to make officers aware of the salient features of the RTI act, 2005, roles and responsibilities of Transparency Officer, CPIO and Deemed PIOs. The speaker on this occasion was Shri. R. P. Sejwal who has expertise in providing RTI training to officers of various ministries, departments, and public authorities. Shri. Sejwal talked about the types of information generally sought under RTI Act and timelines for providing information to applicant, implication, and details of various RTI cases, their outcomes along with judgements of CIC, honourable High Courts and Supreme Court etc. He also touched upon the need for Suo-moto disclosure of information under section 4(1) of the RTI act. Dr (Mrs) Varsha Raut, Registrar (A), exhorted officers to work towards making C-MET more compliant with the requirement of the RTI act and emphasized the need for a proactive disclosure of information in C-MET Pune website and its updating on regular basis. She encouraged the participants to make the most out of this training session, as it will help them to gain extensive knowledge about RTI act, allowing them to get more experience in dealing with day-to-day queries of RTI, she also stressed the need of information in today's data-oriented world. The training session received an overwhelming response and was attended by more than 40 participants officers and staff of C-MET Pune from various departments. The interactive session, which followed the presentation of Shri. Sejwal, witnessed several questions by the participants based on their past experience in dealing with RTI questions on Indian automotive & allied Industry. Shri. R. P. Sejwal answered them based on the available judgments made by CIC/High Court/Supreme Court etc. After the training session, Shri. Sejwal had a meeting with officials of Accounts, establishment, Purchase, and finance so as to explain the modalities of providing Suo-moto disclosure on C-MET Pune website and submission of self-appraisal report. Dr Milind V. Kulkarni, also interacted with Shri. Sejwal and requested his guidance to update the C-MET Pune website as per RTI act from time to time. The one session was conducted for the residents of the surrounding area to spread the awareness about the Right to Information Act 2005 its importance and the various ways through which the citizens can obtain information. The session was conducted by Shri. R. P. Sejwal & Dr Milind V. Kulkarni CPIO of CMET Pune in which more than 25 people participated.

Dr Milind Kulkarni, CPIO expressed his heartfelt thanks to all the participants for their active participation. He gave special thanks Dr Ratheesh Centre Director, C-MET, Pune, Senior Finance Officer, PC(A), Registrar (A) In-charge administration, Pune, Vigilance officer as well as officials from C-DAC, Pune, for immense contribution and valuable cooperation in making the training programme a grand success. He thanked to C-MET Staff from Hyderabad & Thrissur, who has joined via online mode. Dr. Kulkarni also thanked IISER, Pune & C-DAC, Pune for all the necessary help during the training program.







CMET Officials attending RTI Training & awareness Programme September 2 – 3, 2024 at Pune