



National Convention on
Right to Information: The Road Ahead
Organised by
Media Information and Communication Centre of India (MICCI)
Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES)
and
The International Centre, Goa (ICG)

Venue
The International Centre, Goa
December 12-13, 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: **Arjun Halarnkar**, Programme Manager, ICG
Welcome Address by: **Rajeshwar Dyal**, Senior Media Advisor, FES-India
Theme Address by: **Nandini Sahai**, Director, MICCI

Inaugural Address by: **Pratapsingh Rane**, Hon. Speaker, Goa Legislative Assembly
and President, International Centre Goa

Keynote Address: **Aruna Roy**, a 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: Prof. Sanjeev Bhanawat

Speakers: Snehasis Sur: West Bengal
Gouridasan Nair: Kerala
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**, National Campaign for Peoples Right to Information

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