



**NATIONAL SEMINAR CUM WORKSHOP
ON
RIGHT TO INFORMATION: GEARING UP FOR THE
FUTURE**

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ABOUT RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW, PUNJAB

The Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab, was established by the State Legislature of Punjab by passing the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab Act, 2006 (Punjab Act No. 12 of 2006). The Act incorporated a University of Law of national stature in Punjab, to fulfill the need for a Centre of Excellence in legal education in the modern era of globalization and liberalization. The University was accredited with an 'A' Grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in 2015. RGNUL, Punjab was granted autonomy under UGC Regulations, Clause 5 Dimensions of Autonomy for Category-II Universities in April 2018. The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, ranked RGNUL the first amongst the cleanest Higher Educational Institutions, Swachh Campus (2019) in the category of Government Residential Universities.



ABOUT THE PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

The Punjab Government constituted the State Information Commission on 11th October 2005 and appointed the first Chief Information Commissioner of Punjab under section 15 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 on the same day. Section 15(4) of the Act lays down that the general superintendence, direction, and management of the affairs of the State Information Commission shall vest in the State Chief Information Commissioner who shall be assisted by the State Information Commissioners and may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things which may be exercised or done by the State Information Commission autonomously without being subjected to directions by any other authority under this Act. The State Information Commission is the statutory Commission for fulfilling the mandate assigned in the Right to Information Act, 2005. Sh. Suresh Arora, IPS (Retd.) is the present Chief Information Commissioner of Punjab



About Centre for Advanced Studies in Labour Welfare(CASLW)

The Centre for Advanced Studies in Labour Welfare was established with a view to improve and strengthen the Labour Justice System in India. It strives to uphold and protect the rights of the labourers and their families thereby ensuring them a life of human dignity. The Centre also makes an effort to sensitize the labourers about their rights, which are enshrined in the Constitution of India and other legislations as well. In addition to it, the Centre makes an effort to impart education to the children of labourers on the University campus and makes them aware of their fundamental right to education thereby, making their parents realize their duty towards their children. The Centre has initiated a research project on the migrant labourers. It also has a dedicated blog 'Labour and Liberty' catering to the field of labour and employment law. Apart from these, CASLW released its newsletter 'Shram', covering different bytes and updates related to employment and labour benefit practices



Our Vision

The basic aim behind the establishment of the Centre is to spread awareness about the welfare and empowerment of the labourers. The Centre recognizes national and international issues concerning the promotion and protection of human rights and human dignity of labourers.

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Theme of the Seminar

RIGHT TO INFORMATION: GEARING UP FOR THE FUTURE

The introduction of the Right to Information (RTI) is a transformative step that gears us up for the future, promoting transparency, accountability, and citizen empowerment. However, this balance between transparency and protecting privacy rights can be complex, and we need progressive measures towards the current laws and views related to the topic. These progressive measures pave the way for a more inclusive and responsible society where the collective strength of information empowers citizens to actively shape their nation's path toward a brighter future, making citizens empowered. RTI promotes a culture of openness and participatory democracy. Embracing the knowledge sharing principles, the RTI enhances public trust in institutions and facilitates informed decision-making and equitable development. This Conference seeks to provide comprehensive learning on the Right to Information, dealing with its multiple facets from a transformative perspective and its evolution as an executory right through the administrative and judicial processes. The conference also aims to explore the challenges and opportunities in the field of Right to Information, including the role of technology, social justice, and activism which help us gear up for the future.

SUB - THEMES

- Open Government Partnership and RTI
- Judicial Accountability and RTI: Examining the Connection
- Privacy rights and RTI: Intersecting dimensions
- Data Protection Act and RTI
- Legislative Intent of the RTI Act and RTI Activism
- Whistleblowers under the RTI Act
- Artificial Intelligence, RTI, and the Future
- RTI, Labour Law and Social Justice

The list is not exhaustive.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Last Date for Registration: October 5, 2023
- Last Date for Manuscript Submission: October 16, 2023
- Paper Presentation and Seminar: October 20, 2023



Submission Guidelines

- Research papers should pertain to the conference theme.
- Participants shall be required to submit the final paper with an abstract on or before October 16, 2023.
- The abstract shall also contain, the name of the author/authors, email Id of the author/s, contact number, and designation.
- The full paper should not exceed 6000 words. (Abstract is not included in full paper).
- It shall be typed in Times New Roman, Font Size 12 on A4 size paper with a 1" margin on all sides with 1.5 line spacing using MS Word.
- Abstract and Research Papers should be emailed to rticaslw@gmail.com
- Citations shall be strictly in accordance with the Oxford Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities, 4th Edition.
- The university reserves the discretion to publish the selected papers.

Accommodation Details

Participants requiring accommodation are requested to mail the same at the email ID caslw@gnul.ac.in with the subject title 'Accommodation' on or before October 10, 2023. Accommodation will be provided on payment as per availability on a first come first serve basis.

Registration Procedure

REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE SEMINAR

Students – 500 INR (inclusive of GST)

Professionals– 800 INR (inclusive of GST)

(Co-authorship is limited to two authors | In case of co-authorship the authors need to pay the fee as per their respective designation)

- Registration Form can be accessed, [here](#)
- Payment link can be accessed, [here](#)

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