

Awareness programme on Right to Information

With the objective of empowering the citizens and promoting transparency and accountability in Government functioning, an awareness programme on Right to Information Act was organized by Directorate of Field Publicity, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India J&K Region at Government Girls Higher Secondary School Reasi today the 30th of December 2017.

Chief Information Commissioner, State Information Commission J&K Khurshid Ahmed Ganai was chief guest on the occasion. DDC Prasanna Ramaswamy G was also present. Speaking on this occasion, the chief guest said that Right to Information plays a pivotal role for any citizen of India to know the working of Government departments and to change old mind set about secrecy in working of Government. New parameters are set up to enhance transparency and accountability in governance, he added. He said every individual has the freedom to seek Government related information through this RTI Act. The Right to Information Act is one of the key legislations which guarantees the right and freedom of every citizen of India to seek the information related to Government dealings, both at Centre and the State. He strongly advocated that such programmes should also be organised in colleges, Panchayats, villages and other institutions of the State.

Neha Jalali, Deputy Director, DFP, Government of India, J&K region while speaking on the occasion highlighted the importance of such programmes.

Ashok Kumar Pandita, Secretary, State Information Commission also interacted with audience and highlighted the importance of RTI in bringing transparency and accountability in Government departments.

Zaheer Abbas, Law Officer from State Information Commission and Rakesh Chobber, Lecturer Government Girls Higher

Secondary School, Reasi acted as resource persons and delivered key note addresses on RTI Act for the awareness of masses.

A large gathering comprising of school teachers, students, ex. Sarpanches, ex-Panches, anganwadi workers, ASHA workers and local people participated in the programme.