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State Information Commissioner (SIC), Sh. Mohammad Ashraf Mir, Director SKPA, Sh. M. S Salaria, Secretary Information Commission Sh. Ashok Kumar Pandita , Senior Officers, besides First Appellate Authorities (FAAs) and Public Information Officers (PIOs) of different units and wings of Police Department of the State were present in the programme. Several issues were raised and discussed during the programme.

The CIC delivered a power point presentation on the RTI Act, 2009 and wherein he mentioned the various sections of the Act which are mandatory for the PIOs, FAAs and Public Authorities.

CIC said that the essence of the Act is to ensure greater transparency, accountability and corruption free governance besides “RTI Act is not merely a provision but a potent tool to strengthen democracy and promote good governance”, he added. He maintained that suo-moto disclosure of information under Section 4 needs to be followed in letter and spirit by all Public Authorities. Further he appealed the PIOs and FAAs to comply with the provisions of J&K RTI Act, 2009 and called for timely response in providing information. Stressing the on sustained awareness for trainees, he asked Director SKPA to include RTI module in the training schedules of the new officers / officials.

State Information Commissioner, Sh. Ashraf Mir gave detailed lecture on Do's and Dont's for the PIOs and FAAs and stressed to follow them strictly in order to protect themselves from any Penalty or disciplinary action.

The Vote of thanks as presented by the Director SKPA and with this the programme concluded.