



# HIMACHAL PRADESH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, SHIMLA Legal Aid Clinic



## 2 DAY ONLINE WORKSHOP ON RIGHT TO INFORMATION

30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May,  
2026

(Sat-Sun) || (Evening Hours)

- PRIVACY & RTI
- RTI - CONCEPT & FRAMEWORK
- TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNANCE
- AWARENESS & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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# ABOUT HIMACHAL PRADESH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, SHIMLA

The Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla (HPNLU, Shimla) was established by the State Government in the year 2016, by an Act of the Legislature (Act 16 of 2016). The University started functioning on October 5, 2016. The University inducts students through the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) for its Under-graduate [B.A.LL.B. and B.B.A.LL.B.-Hons. (Five-Year Integrated Course)] and the Post-graduate [One-year LL.M.]. The University also offers Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Post-Doctorate Programmes (LL.D.).

Located in the geographical terrains of the Himalayas, HPNLU, Shimla, is one of the best places for studying law in India. The University focuses on the holistic development of students in the legal system, topographies of law-making, legal practice, and administration. The institution has attracted an excellent set of teachers from all over India. The University is committed to providing interdisciplinary and practical/application-based legal education, and towards that, has established different Centres and Committees, including the Legal Aid Clinic.

## ABOUT LEGAL AID CLINIC, HIMACHAL PRADESH

The Legal Aid Clinic, Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla, is an initiative that embodies the constitutional mandate of ensuring access to justice for all. Established with the vision of nurturing socially responsible legal professionals, the Clinic serves as a bridge between the law and the community. It provides free legal assistance, advice, and awareness to those who are unable to afford legal services, thereby fulfilling the ideals of justice, equality, and service enshrined in Article 39A of the Constitution of India.

The Clinic operates under the aegis of the University's Legal Services Committee and works in close collaboration with the Himachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority. It organises legal awareness camps, community outreach programs, and capacity-building sessions in rural and semi-urban areas.

In its ongoing efforts, the Legal Aid Clinic continues to expand its reach by engaging in contemporary social justice issues, conducting research on access to justice, and collaborating with various governmental and non-governmental organisations. It aims to cultivate a generation of lawyers who not only excel in the courtroom but also work tirelessly for the empowerment of marginalised sections of society.

## 2-DAY WORKSHOP RIGHT TO INFORMATION

The Legal Aid Clinic of Himachal Pradesh National Law University is organizing a Two-Day Workshop on the Right to Information with the objective of promoting legal awareness and fostering a comprehensive understanding of transparency and accountability mechanisms in governance. The workshop aims to familiarize participants with the conceptual foundations, objectives, and institutional framework of the Right to Information Act, 2005, while highlighting its significance in strengthening democratic governance and citizen participation. Through expert lectures and interactive discussions, participants will gain insights into the role of RTI in ensuring openness, accountability, and effective public administration.

The workshop will also focus on the practical dimensions of the RTI framework, including the procedure for filing RTI applications and appeals, the functioning of Information Commissions, and the challenges faced in the implementation of the Act. Discussions will further address administrative and institutional barriers, important judicial developments, and reform perspectives aimed at strengthening transparency mechanisms in India. By combining conceptual understanding with practical exposure, the workshop seeks to equip participants with valuable knowledge regarding the functioning and evolving importance of the Right to Information regime.

# LEARNINGS



## RTI Framework

Learning key provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005.



## Citizen Empowerment

Using RTI as a participatory democratic tool.



## Transparency Mechanism

Understanding openness in public administration and governance.



## Information Commissions

Studying powers and functions of commissions



## Filing Procedures

Understanding process for RTI applications and appeals



## Reform Perspectives

Discussing future improvements in transparency mechanisms.



## Good Governance

Promoting accountability through access to information.



## Legal Awareness

Enhancing understanding of transparency and legal rights.



## Landmark Judgments

Analyzing significant judicial developments under RTI law.

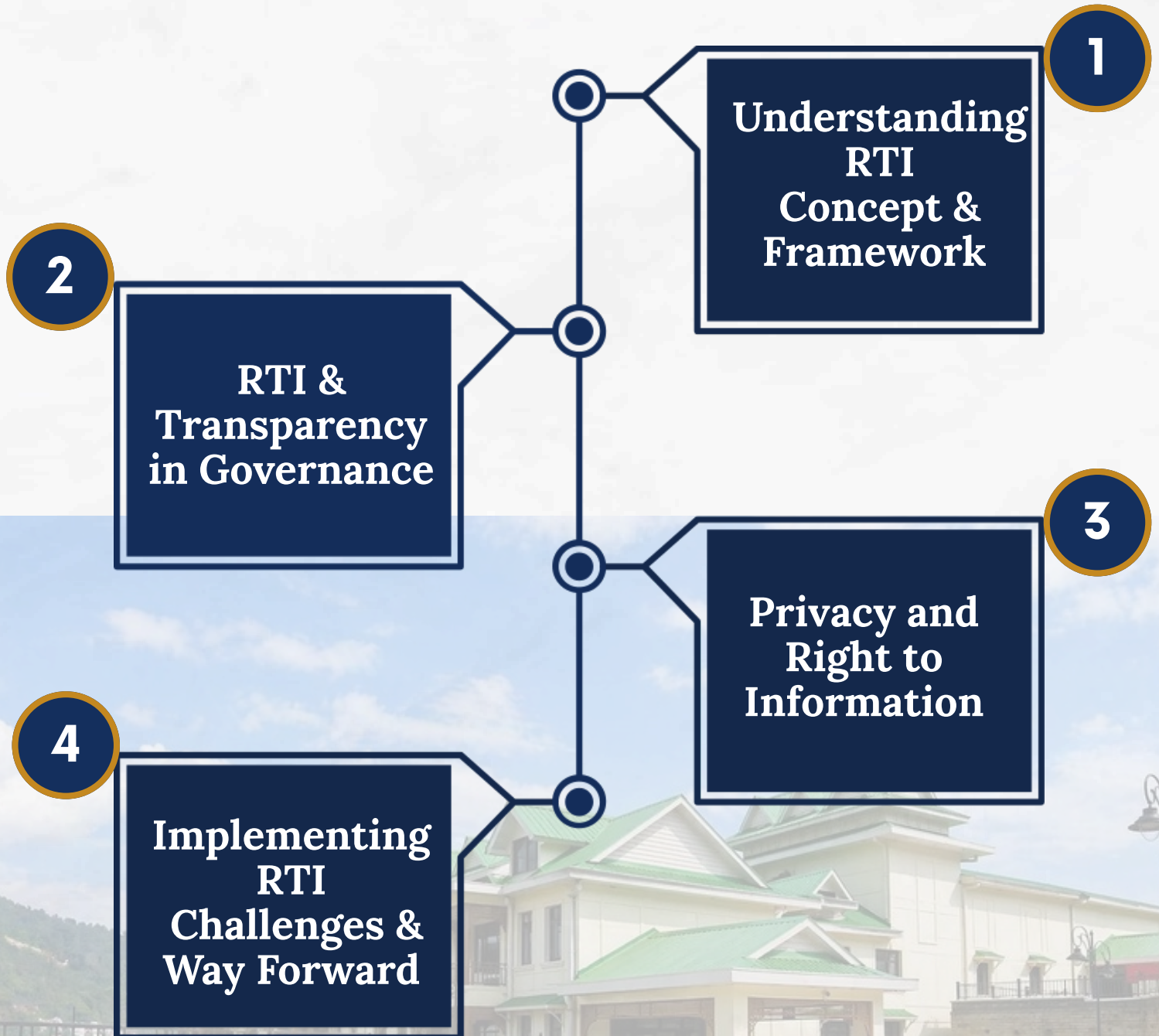


## Administrative Challenges

Examining practical barriers in RTI implementation.

# MODULES

The workshop will be conducted over two days and will include expert lectures and interactive discussions covering conceptual, institutional, and practical dimensions of RTI.



The Right to Information remains one of the most powerful legal tools available to citizens for ensuring transparency and accountability in public administration. Through this workshop, participants will gain valuable insights into the conceptual foundations, practical functioning, and future trajectory of the RTI framework in India.

# OUR SPEAKERS



## SHAILESH GANDHI

Former,  
Central Information Commissioner,  
Government of India



Shailesh Gandhi is a first-generation entrepreneur and Distinguished Alumnus of Indian Institute of Technology Bombay who dedicated himself to the RTI movement after selling his company. He played an important role in drafting the RTI Act and served as convener of the National Campaign for People's Right to Information. As a Central Information Commissioner, he disposed of over 20,000 cases in less than four years and delivered several landmark RTI decisions. He continues to promote transparent governance, time-bound justice delivery, active citizenship, and conducts RTI workshops across the country.



## UDAY MAHURKAR

Former,  
Central Information Commissioner,  
Government of India



- Senior journalist, political analyst, and former Deputy Editor at India Today with decades of media experience.
- Served as Information Commissioner of India, contributing to transparency and public information governance.
- Author of multiple books on governance, public policy, and contemporary political developments in India.

# OUR SPEAKERS



## RAHUL SINGH

Former,  
State Information Commissioner,  
State of Madhya Pradesh



- Former State Information Commissioner, recognized for pioneering digital transparency and innovative RTI grievance redressal mechanisms.
- Senior media professional with over two decades of leadership experience across national television and news networks.
- CEO & Group Editor at SEE Media Service, specializing in governance, media strategy, and public accountability initiatives.



## NIKHIL DEY

Founder Member,  
Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan  
National Campaign for Peoples RTI



- RTI activist associated with MKSS, working on transparency, employment rights, and social justice campaigns.
- Leading advocate for Right to Information, minimum wages, and grassroots democratic accountability across India.
- Worked on Rajasthan's Jana Soochana programme promoting proactive disclosure and public access to government information.



## KEY FEATURES

- Weekend live sessions with expert lecturers.
- Recordings of each session will be available.
- Certificates of completion (**Optional**).
- Workshop crafted by Industrial experts.
- Networking opportunities with peers & professionals in the field.
- Continuous support from coordinators for queries or assistance.
- Engaging assignments incorporated into learning experience.

## MODE OF SESSION

Live sessions will be conducted and recorded lectures will be provided. The session will be conducted via G-meet.



## WHO CAN ENROLL ?

The workshop is open to law students, research scholars, academicians, legal professionals, social activists, and individuals interested in transparency and accountability in governance. Students from allied disciplines such as public administration, political science, journalism, & social sciences are also encouraged to enrol.

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