



ONE DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE

ON

RIGHT TO INFORMATION: LAW, POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

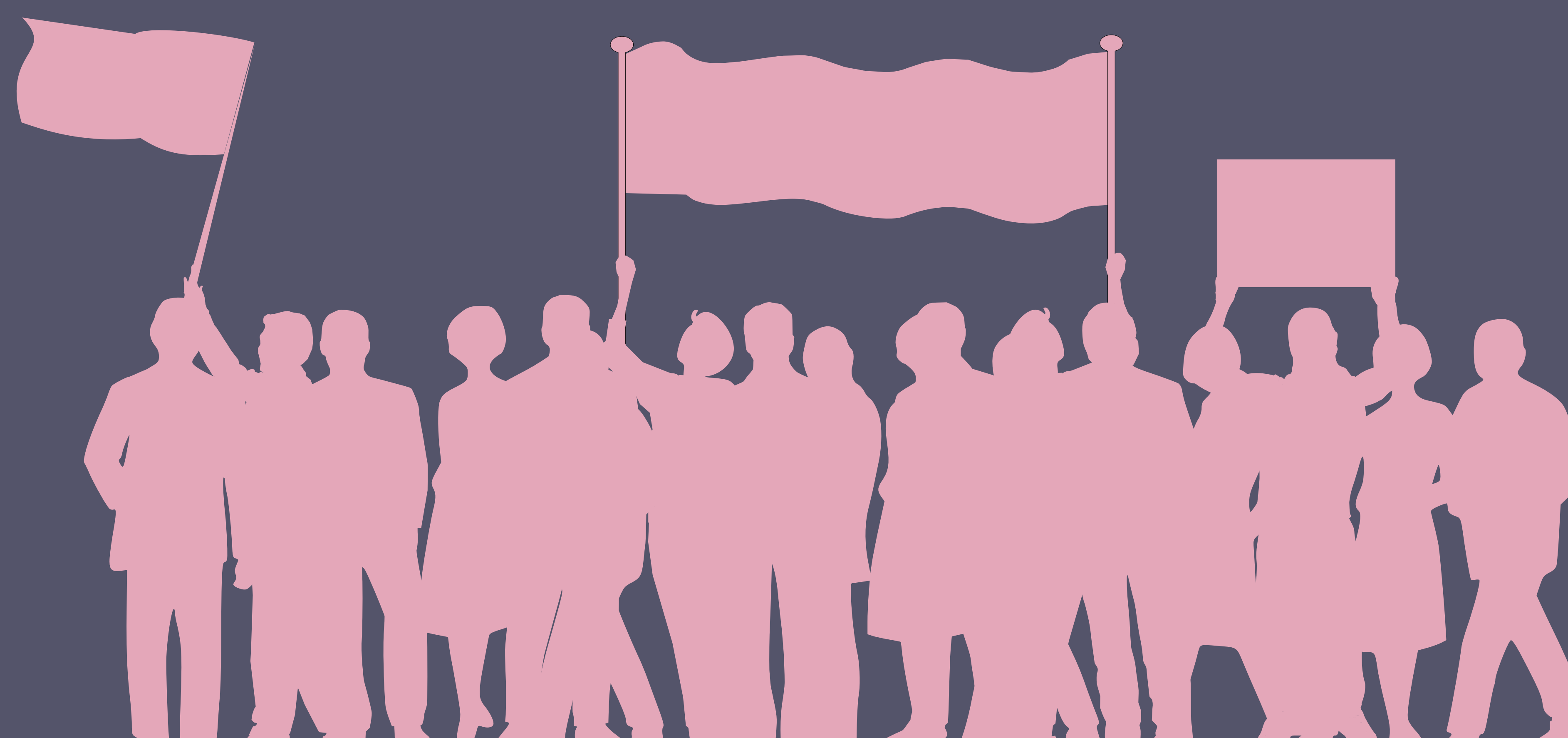
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RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW, PUNJAB

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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 fulfil the need for a Centre of Excellence in legal education in the modern era of globalization and liberalization. The University acquired approval of the Bar Council of India (BCI) in July 2006. The University also got registered with the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi under Section 2(f) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 and has been declared fit to obtain grant from the (UGC) under Section 12-B of the UGC Act, 1956. The University was accredited with 'A' Grade by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in 2015. 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 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.



THEME OF THE CONFERENCE

The 'Right to Know is the Right to Live'. Transparency and access to information is pivotal to the functioning of a democracy. An informed citizen is an empowered one. For this one should have free, unfettered access to information. The jurisprudence of Democracy revolves around the pure concept of 'accountability' which can only be achieved if people in authority and power are subject to public gaze and speculations.

India is considered as one of the largest democracy in the world. Every democracy is characterized by the virtues of transparency, accountability and openness to reform. Vast powers vested with the public authorities has led to maladministration, misuse of power and corruption, which necessitated the introduction of Right to Information Act, 2005. The Act further aims at establishing a healthy democracy and to bring about a responsive, accountable, and corruption-free government. However, RTI is much more than a tool to fight corruption. It is in fact a fundamental and transformatory right against the arbitrary use of power.

This Conference seeks to provide a comprehensive learning on the Right to Information, dealing with its multiple facets from a constitutional perspective to be a statutory right, and thereby its evolution as an executory right through administrative and judicial process.





SUB - THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

- RTI: A Tool of Good Governance
- Role of Information Technology in RTI
- Pro-Active Disclosure in the field of RTI
- Record Management and RTI
- Success Stories in the field of RTI
- Best Practices in the Implementation of RTI
- Regulatory Mechanism and RTI
- Political Promises and Accountability

Please note: The themes are merely illustrative and not exhaustive. Any paper written within the broader purview of the theme will be considered.



IMPORTANT DATES

Last date for Submission of the registration form and abstract: **September 25, 2022**

Intimation of abstract selection and opening of Payment link: **September 30, 2022**

Last date of payment and registration: **October 8, 2022**

Full paper submission (Soft copy): **November 5, 2022**

(A minimum of two authors are permitted per paper.)

All the abstracts and full-length papers shall be sent to email: caslw@rgnul.ac.in with the subject 'RTI Conference'. Participants are requested to adhere to the above-mentioned dates.



REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Registration Fees for the seminar:

Single author - **500 INR**

Co-authors - **800 INR** (A maximum of two co-authors are permitted per paper)

Registration Form can be accessed [here](#)

Payment link can be accessed [here](#)

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Research papers should pertain to the conference theme.
- Participants shall be required to submit an abstract of around 350 words on or before 25th September, 2022.
- Abstract shall also contain, name of the author/authors, email Id of the author/s, contact number and designation.
- Full paper should not exceed 6000 words. It shall be typed in in Times New Roman, Font Size 12 on A4 size paper with 1" margin on all sides with 1.5 line spacing using MS Word.
- Abstract and Research Papers should be emailed to caslw@rgnul.ac.in
- Citations shall be strictly in accordance with the Oxford Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities, 4th Edition.
- University may publish accepted papers. Publication of papers shall be the exclusive discretion of the University.

WEB CONFERENCING

The seminar will have parallel web conference session available to selected presenters on the prior payment of the Registration Fee. The interested participants can avail this by intimating the organisers by sending a mail to caslw@rgnul.ac.in

ACCOMODATION

Participants requiring accommodation are requested to mail the same at the email ID caslw@rgnul.ac.in with the subject title 'Accomodation' on or before October 10, 2022. Accomodation will be provided as per availability on the payment basis.

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