

**RTI ACT IS A POWERFUL TOOL FOR PROMOTING TRANSPARENCY,  
ACCOUNTABILITY & GOOD GOVERNANCE: CCIC**

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Central Chief Information Commissioner, Shri Heeralal Samariya, emphasized that the RTI Act is a powerful tool for promoting transparency, accountability, and good governance. He was speaking at the launch of the revamped Goa State Information Commission website, in the presence of key officials such as State Chief Information Commissioner Shri Aravind Kumar H. Nair, State Information Commissioner Shri Atmaram R. Barve, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (I&P) Shri Ramesh Verma, IAS, Smt. Sarita Gadgil, Secretary GSIC Goa and Director, Information and Publicity Shri Dipak Bandekar at Patto, Panaji.

Shri Samariya further explained that in a democracy, it is essential for voters to have insight into the government's activities. The RTI Act acts as a crucial tool for achieving this transparency. Once transparency is achieved, accountability follows, ensuring that decision-makers are answerable for their actions. When transparency and accountability are in place, the result is good governance—governance that is not only efficient but also focused on serving citizens' needs, which is the ultimate motto of the RTI Act, he added

State Chief Information Commissioner Shri Aravind Kumar H. Nair, speaking on the occasion said our current priority is to clear the pending cases, with the goal of achieving zero pendency by the end of 2025 .Now, we are limiting ourselves to a maximum of three hearings per case, after which we aim to dispose of the matters. We are working hard to make the commission more efficient and genuinely user-friendly for information seekers.

State Information Commissioner Shri Atmaram R. Barve also spoke on the occasion.

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