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RIGHT TO INFORMATION WORKSHOP FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS (2024-25)

Meeting with Hon'ble State Information Commissioner Date: February 7, 2025 Venue: M.B. Government Postgraduate College, Haldwani (Nainital)

The workshop was organised in consequence to the Letter Ref. No. Degree Services/Soo. A.A./5541-42/2024-25, dated February 4, 2025, received from the Directorate of Higher Education, Uttarakhand

Purpose of the Meeting: In compliance with the instructions received from the State Information Commission, a meeting was convened under the auspices of the Directorate of Higher Education, Uttarakhand. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss matters pertaining to the implementation and functioning of the Right to Information Act (RTI) within government degree and postgraduate colleges of Kumaun Division, Uttarakhand.

Participants: Principals and Public Information Officers (PIOs) from various government undergraduate and postgraduate colleges of Kumaun Mandal

Presided by: Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Uttarakhand

Discussion Points:

- Roles and responsibilities of Public Information Officers under the RTI Act
- Efficient disposal of RTI applications within stipulated timelines
- Maintenance and publication of proactive disclosures under Section 4(1)(b) of the Act
- Challenges faced in RTI compliance and record management at institutional level
- Suggestions and feedback from college PIOs and heads regarding administrative bottlenecks

Outcome: The meeting was highly informative and interactive. It reinforced the commitment of higher educational institutions toward ensuring transparency and accountability in governance. The Hon'ble State Information Commissioner emphasized the importance of awareness, digital record-keeping, and timely response mechanisms in handling RTI queries.

Conclusion and Recommendations:

- Regular training and orientation programs should be conducted for PIOs and APIOs
- Institutions must maintain updated records for ease of access and information sharing
- RTI implementation should be integrated with digital platforms for greater efficiency

This initiative marked a significant step toward strengthening the transparency framework in Uttarakhand's higher education system.

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