

## **REPORT ON RTI WEEK CELEBRATION – 2025**

Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, in collaboration with the National Cadet Corps – 3 (TN) Composite Technical Company and the Legal Cell, jointly organized a special programme as part of the RTI Week Celebrations 2025 (5<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> October). The event was held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at the UGC-MMTTC Seminar Hall, Khajamalai Campus, and focused on the theme “Right to Information Act for Good Governance.”

The programme commenced at 10:00 AM with a warm and dignified welcome extended by Dr. S. Senthilnathan Director, UGC-MMTTC, who greeted the invited speaker, faculty members, NCC cadets, Legal Cell staff, and all participants. In his welcome address, Dr. Senthilnathan highlighted the crucial role of the Right to Information Act in strengthening democratic values, ensuring transparency in administration, and empowering citizens to seek accountability from public authorities. He emphasized that RTI is not only a legal right but a powerful tool for promoting good governance and ethical public service.

The invited resource person for the programme was Dr. S. Murugesan, M.L., Ph.D., Principal, Government Law College, Karaikudi, a distinguished academician and legal expert with rich experience in constitutional law and public policy. His presence added immense value to the celebration of RTI Week at the university.

He delivered an insightful and thought-provoking lecture on the evolution, objectives, and practical significance of the RTI Act, 2005. He explained how the Act has transformed public administration by mandating transparency and by granting citizens the legal right to access information from government bodies. His lecture covered key aspects such as:

- Structure and provisions of the RTI Act
- Duties and responsibilities of Public Information Officers
- Timeline and procedure for obtaining information
- Importance of RTI in combating corruption
- Role of youth, students, and civil society in promoting accountability

The speaker also shared several real-life case studies where RTI queries had led to positive administrative reforms. His presentation encouraged students to understand their rights and to become responsible citizens who participate actively in a democratic society.

The session was highly interactive, with students and NCC cadets engaging in meaningful discussions. Participants raised questions related to practical challenges in filing RTI applications, transparency in digital governance, and the role of RTI in educational

institutions. Dr. Murugesan responded with clarity, offering practical guidance and encouraging students to utilize the Act constructively.

The programme witnessed an impressive turnout, with more than 150 participants, including NCC cadets, Legal Cell staff, research scholars, and students from various departments of Bharathidasan University. The event concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks delivered by Lt. Dr. O. Kasinathan, Associate NCC Officer and Coordinator. In his closing remarks, he expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Honorable Vice-Chancellor and university administration for their support, thanked the resource person Dr. Murugesan for his enriching presentation, and appreciated the efforts of the organizing teams from the NCC and the Legal Cell. He also acknowledged the enthusiastic participation of students, which contributed greatly to the success of the programme.

Lt. Dr. Kasinathan highlighted the importance of continuing awareness initiatives on RTI and good governance, emphasizing that such programmes enable students to develop a deep understanding of citizen rights and public accountability.

The RTI Week Celebration at Bharathidasan University concluded on a positive note, reinforcing the commitment of the institution toward promoting transparency, legal awareness, and responsible citizenship among the academic community. The event stood as a testament to the university's dedication to nurturing informed and socially conscious individuals equipped to contribute meaningfully to society.



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**Training Programme on Right to Information Act for Good Governance**

**Invited Speaker**

**Dr.S.Murugesan M.L., Ph.D.**



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**Venue: MMTTC Seminar Hall, Khajamalai Campus**

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**All are Invited...!**

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