



Workshop

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**“Right to Information – RTI ”**  
(Article 19 A of Constitution of Pakistan)

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Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (9:30 am)

Indus Hotel, Hyderabad

## Programme

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016, Indus Hotel, Hyderabad

Time	Contents
9:30 – 10:00 am	<b>Registration/Arrival of Guests</b>
10:00 – 10:15 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome address <b>Mr. Mohammad Anwar</b> Administrator, FNSt</li><li>• <b>Sarwar Khalid</b> Shehri-CBE</li></ul>
10:15 – 10:40 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Introduction of the event, and its objectives</li><li>▪ Introduction of the Participants and expectations from the workshop</li></ul>
10:40 – 11:00 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Video documentary on FOI</li></ul>
11:00 – 11:20 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Tea Break</li></ul>
11:20 – 12:20 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Understanding FOI laws (Federal &amp; Sindh)</li><li>▪ Draft Sindh RTI Bill 2016</li></ul>
12:20 – 1:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>FOI Application writing exercise</b></li><li>▪ <b>Group Presentations</b></li></ul>
1:30 – 2:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evaluation of the workshop</li><li>• Vote of thanks</li><li>• Closure of workshop</li></ul>
2:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>

**Moderator/Trainer: Dr. Syed Raza Ali Gardezi**

## **Right to Information (RTI)**

Shehri-Citizens for a Better Environment (CBE) is a volunteer, non-governmental organization (NGO) which has been trying to promote good governance. One of the tools that we strongly feel can bring about a change is the Access to Information.

In this regard, Shehri – Citizens for a Better Environment cordially invites you to attend a capacity building workshop on “Access to Information”, which will be held on **Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (9:30 am) at Indus Hotel, Hyderabad.**

The Right to Information was made a constitutional right in 2010 through 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment, Article 19-A for transparent governance and citizen empowerment. The Federal Freedom of Information Ordinance was initiated in 2002, rules were issued in 2004 and Sindh Freedom of Information Act 2006 was also promulgated but without any input from stakeholders. Till to-date the FOI law has not been fully implemented and accessing information is still difficult. Neither are the information officers fully aware of their role and responsibilities nor are the citizens aware of their right to access government – held information.

The objectives of this workshop are;

- 1) To build awareness and knowledge about Article 19-A “Right to Information - RTI”
- 2) To build skills on using this law to bring about changes in the existing systems
- 3) Draw up an action plan on how the civil society organizations/citizens and media can help strengthen the implementation of the law by educating the demand and the supply side.
- 4) **An exercise would be held whereby the participants would be asked to draw an RTI application for follow-up through the Shehri ‘FOI Helpdesk’. You are therefore requested to come prepared with a question that you would like to ask through FOI law.**

Your valued participation would be appreciated. Please confirm your participation on Tel. (021)34530646, 34557335 or email. info@shehri.org