

**YASHADA' INITIATIVES
TOWARDS
RIGHT TO INFORMATION**

Yashada is the apex training institute of Maharashtra Government. Human resource development has traditionally been one of Maharashtra's major strengths. The importance of evolving sound and responsive administrative systems was realised as far back as 1963 when the Administrative Staff College (ASC) was established in Mumbai. The ASC was relocated at Pune in 1984 and renamed "Maharashtra Institute of Development Administration" (MIDA). MIDA, constituted as an autonomous society under the Societies Registrations Act, 1860, was to serve as the apex body for promoting and developing modern management practices and was to function as the nodal state level training institute in the field of development administration. Aply enough, it was renamed, "Yashwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration" (YASHADA) in 1990, as a tribute to the pioneering spirit of the late Shri Y. B. Chavan, former Chief Minister of Maharashtra & Deputy Prime Minister of India, who had inspired the setting up of the ASC.

Our mission is to enable equitable and sustainable development by promoting people-centered good governance. We achieve this by bringing together practical knowledge, applied research, appropriate technology and innovative training of public administrators, community-based organizations and people's representatives.

Right to Information Act is major initiative and paradigm shift in Public Policy. Yashada became an active partner and catalyst in this major initiative after the Government of Maharashtra promulgated Maharashtra Right to Information Act 2002. Yashada has established a cell for Right to Information. The cell believes in the value -

“आ नो भद्राः कृतवो यन्तु विश्वतः”

ऋग्वेद

“Let noble thoughts come to us from all directions”- Rigveda

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