

**EFFECT OF PERSONAL PROFILE FACTORS IN AWARENESS AND
APPREHENSIONS TOWARDS RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT: A
STUDY IN SELECTED DISTRICTS OF MAHARASHTRA**

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ABSTRACT

Right to Information Act is very well said to be the “Panacea for eradication of corruption”. The topic is very much discussed these days after the series of incidents which got media coverage and attention like the Jan Lokpal Bill agitation, Adarsh Society Scam etc. infused in the zeal to take up the very topic as an area of research and gauge the need and level of awareness and apprehensions amongst the citizens of the state of Maharashtra, which is supposedly the fore runner in the field of application of Right to Information Act. This is mainly directed to know the factors responsible for level of escalations after the process had been initialized since 2005 when it had been implemented. Also to see the effect of personal profile factors responsible, if any for the awareness about the act amongst the citizens.

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