

Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Early in 2000, the Government of Uttar Pradesh adopted a Code of Access to Information, which, however, is not in general public knowledge. There have also been some reports in the media that the State Government plans to pass a Right to Information Act sometime in the near future. Using this as a peg, we conducted our first workshop in UP in Lucknow in November 2000. The workshop was co-hosted by UPVAN. The workshop was not as well attended or well organised as we had expected. However, we managed to have a good debate and follow up action has been taken by some people in their areas, especially by Akhil Bhartiya Samaj Sewi Sanstha. The workshop was useful for disseminating the Bill, debating the issues and also for disseminating the UP Code of Access to Information. We have made a brief capsule of the Code in Hindi and UPVAN had undertaken to disseminate it.