

Right to Information

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RTI is no more a ghost story:

Thanks to the advocates of democracy, they have given the courage to masses to raise questions and objections against state departments. This tale of social activism is, now, not only surrounded around the developed nations rather third-world countries are also paving their ways to democratic values. Recent developments in the RTI law in Ghana and Zimbabwe Parliament passing the freedom of information bill are the evidences of acceptance of public rule in these states. No doubt that South-Asian countries are on top of the order when it comes to RTI legislation but right and effective implementation of RTI by the state departments is still a big gap to fill. Despite state shaped challenges, citizens of India are setting the noticeable examples by exercising their fundamental right of access to information. We need to think and grow globally. How to make RTI legislation more effective and ensure better implementation should not be a national task. Democracy is a universal value, and it should be practiced universally to enhance the practices of good governance of which RTI is a fundamental one.

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