

Right to Information

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RTI in the times of crisis:

World governments are faced with one of the biggest challenges of modern times. In terms of economy and politics, COVID-19 is expected to take many significant developments backwards. These are the times when states need to ensure that citizens get the valid and authentic information regarding steps and measures being taken by the state institutions. As evident, states are using this current pandemic as an excuse against the practices of RTI. Not just the citizens, but the advocates of RTI are also confronted with the problems of information obscurity by state departments. Where developing states are legislating for RTI, the proclaimed champions of transparency and freedom of information are hiding valuable information from their citizens. It is not just the duty of civil society activists to remind state institutions of their duties rather government must feel obliged to ensure that democratic values are being acted upon. Right to information is a precious tool to exercise citizen rights, and, now as situation proposes, it is one of the useful ways for citizens to access public departments. Governments oughtn't to deny citizen queries rather modern technological tools and functions should be adopted to provide easy and appropriate information.

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