

Right to Information

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More transparency means more rights:

Many African countries are moving towards democratic developments by ensuring transparency and rule of law. Countries with no RTI legislation are taking steps to formulate policies that streamline the provision of public information to masses. Gambia has approved its Access to Information Bill report, Namibia on the other hand is also taking the measures to make Access to information bill a reality. South Asia's performance regarding information accessibility is declining because of the current pandemic. Indian RTI activists are experiencing discouraging behavior from public departments, Pakistan's information commissions are also in a state of ineffectiveness. However, World Bank has offered its support to KP Information Commission to improve the accountability and transparency in government functions. This will ensure the proper implementation of KP Right to Information Act, 2013. Governments need to realize that provision of information to public is a democratic value and it's a fundamental right. More information means more transparency which means that people are free to exercise their rights and they are provided with an environment where their rights are being values.

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The Hindu

A Right to Information activist's query which sought information on State-wise allocation of the PM Cares fund was rejected on the ground that it was not a public authority...

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RTE News

The Information Commissioners annual report, published this morning, shows that there has been an 89% increase in applications to review FOI decisions in the past ten years.....

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Morocco World News

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New Era Live

Information minister Peya Mushelenga has tabled the much-anticipated Access to Information Bill, which is envisaged to give citizens greater access to information.....

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Targeted changes made to the Access to Information Act in 2019 represented the most significant amendments to the Act since 1983....

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Galway Daily

A proposal such as reopening a rail service which has been closed for nearly half a century and is likely to cost the taxpayer anything up to €150m should be open to the fullest scrutiny...

Pakistan

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UrduPoint

The World Bank announces joint support to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Commission (KPIC) in the intensive implementation of the RTI Law in KP....

India

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The Leaflet

In the second installment of the RTI series, the author explains public authority under RTI Act and the obligations of a public authority in public interests....

Bangladesh

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Dhaka Tribune

ARTICLE 19, a United Kingdom based international human rights organization, has expressed its deep concerns over the arrests of students and university teachers....

Gambia

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Voice Gambia

The bill was tabled by Justice Minister and Attorney General Abubacarr Tambadou, in December 2019 in accordance with clause 68 (1) of the Revised Standing Orders 2019....