Right to Information

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Right to Information is gaining momentum:

Constitution of 1973 of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan gives full right to its citizens to access public information from any public department. Unfortunately, not many people in Pakistan knew about this fundamental right, until now. Social activism in Pakistan is being seen as not anything like what was in the last ten years. Civil society has fastened its pace, student unions are rising again, and feminist movements are pretty active too. Under the ambit of democracy, citizens and activists are getting engaged in social change aimed at shifting the policy and administrative paradigms in Pakistan. Right to Information (RTI) is also notifying itself in the eyes of Pakistani citizens. Civil society organizations are collaborating dynamically with information commissions to deliberate on RTI. Media is also playing its part in spreading awareness regarding this. We can say that Pakistan is experiencing a shift in its political and social environment, the democratic values are strengthened more than ever and they will get stronger in the coming future.
India
Former information commissioner calls for online filing of complaints under RTI
Times of India
It is a long time since the RTI Act was acted in 2005, and between then and how we have witnessed a huge change in governance and administration…..

USA
Your right to know, expand access to records online
Wausau Pilotand Review
With a few clicks of a computer mouse, things like criminal charging documents, public-private partnership contracts, and government agency budgets could be put online for all to access….

Pakistan
RTI Authorizes citizens to obtain information from any public department
UrduPoint
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Right to Information (RTI) Commission Sajid Khan Jadoon has said that citizens can acquire information on all financial, administrative and other matters…..

USA
Madison County State's attorney Tom Gibbons sued under Freedom of Information Act
Illinois Leaks
The suit alleges that the Madison County State's Attorney Tom Gibbons did not respond to a FOIA Request submitted on July 17, 2020, and later amended on July 18, 2020…..

Ghana
Stop charging to release public information
Ghana Web
The Coalition on the Right to Information, Ghana (RTI Coalition) says it is troubled and disappointed with the kind of responses received by institutions....

Trinidad and Tobago
A win for the right to know
Trinidad Express
Justice Ronnie Boodoosingh’s ruling in favor of Ms. Renne should stand as a reminder to everyone, including media houses, journalists, businesses, civil society organizations….  

Malawi
Implement Access to Information law
Nyasa Times
The Malawi Economic Justice Network (MEJN) has cautioned Malawians against making early celebration over promises by the Tonse Alliance-led administration to operationalize the Access to Information law.
Pakistan
Importance of Right to Information Act underlined
The News International
Chief Information Commissioner Islamabad Mohammad Azam, Information Commissioners Fawad Malik and Zahid Abdullah along with Didar Khan of the CGPA….

Ghana
Public access to information
Myjoyonline
Media Foundation for West Africa (MFWA) filed an Access to Information request to the National Communications Authority (NCA), the regulator of Ghana’s frequency spectrum….

Sudan
Why President Kiir should respect right of Access to Information Law
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In both decrees, President Kiir cited “powers” conferred upon him by Civil Service Act, 2011 and The Interpretation of Laws and General Provisions Act, 2006. This is cheating and a deviation from The Right of Access to Information Act, 2013…..