

Right to Information

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International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAL):

28th September 2020 was marked as the International Day for Universal Access to Information. All over the world, awareness campaigns were run in forms of conferences, seminars and other expressive activities in order to amplify the very concept of access to information. Civil society in collaboration with public departments highlighted the importance on how citizens can hold government departments accountable by questioning them about matters of public importance. A big part of annual budget funds comes from people's taxes. Citizens as taxpayers have the right to inquire about where and when their money is being utilized and on what projects. This encourages transparency and rule of law. In the contemporary times where information is considered as one of the biggest resources, access to information is vital for public health and safety, and also for democracy. According to stats, an improvement is seen in the overall performance regarding access to information, but still there are many gaps required to be filled. Information dissemination has been made fast and easy like never before. This has allowed citizens to reach important information, citizens are now more aware of their rights and duties. Public departments need to recognize this fact and should allow easy access to public information.

Malawi

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All Africa

The United Nations in Malawi has expressed appreciation to the Malawi government for taking a swift action to gazette the date to operationalize the Access to Information Act from 30th September 2020....

Bangladesh

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The Daily Star

September is an important month for Right to Information (RTI) buffs all over the world. They undertake various activities during the month to commemorate the International Right to Know Day...

South Sudan

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Sudan Tribune

The media, in South Sudan, like it is globally can offer a platform for various voices that seek to promote tolerance, dialogue, cohesion and compromise....

India

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The Quint

In the RTI reply dated 7 July, the Ministry refused to share any information on the grounds that the data is available with the state police....

Pakistan

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Provincial cabinet has approved the Right to Information Bill, 2019, for legislation. The bill would soon be submitted in the provincial assembly for legislation....

India

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India Education Diary

UNESCO will lead the global observance of the International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI) with a high-level panel discussion highlighting....

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White Horse Star

Right to Know Week is a time for us to acknowledge that access to information is vital to the health and vitality of society, democracy and good government....

Pakistan

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Dawn

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has achieved the best and the federal government the worst ranking in terms of transparency and compliance....

Malta

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The Third Eye

Every citizen has freedom of speech and expression and ultimately, one can neither speak nor express without information. RTI laws are what make it a legal right to request information.

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The transparent and timely sharing of information with the public, on both a proactive and reactive basis, is crucial for protecting public health, preventing corruption, safeguarding democratic institutions and improving policy and decision-making....

Bangladesh

[RTI Forum calls for accelerated action to empower people with information](#)

United News of Bangladesh

During ongoing pandemic, it was seen that the relationship between government and the people has been badly affected because of lack of interaction between government of Bangladesh and its citizens....