

Has RTI been successful in bringing transparency into governance? Critically evaluate

Information empowers and enables people pushes them towards exercising their legal, social and economic rights. It spreads awareness among citizens a culture of transparency and accountability

The Supreme court in state of UP vs Raj Narain recognized "right to know" as fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression. As to speak, we need to know. It is guaranteed under Article 19

1. Issue of overcrowded jails

UP jails were overcrowded.

Many of them, were behind bars beyond their punishment. SC intervened and directed govt to frame a policy.

2. better road for Bagepalli

Toufeeq (an staffer of NGO) filed RTI to know the amount allotted for construction of roads

3. Karnataka villagers insist on Right to food;

People in Rural Karnataka have  
Campaigned for RTI and Right to food  
to fight hunger. Villagers have successfully  
participated in social audits and public  
hearings to demand that the rations due  
to them are allotted them at correct price.

However, act faces certain challenges  
such as

1. RTI activists have been killed for  
in the process of exposing wrongdoing.
2. Huge level of pendency of cases
3. Laxity by public authorities to  
publish information.
4. Non imposition of penalties in

RTI has unshackled millions of users who will  
continue to use their democratic right creatively  
and to dismantle exclusive power.

People should be united and more vigilant  
about work in government to take this act  
successful and fight against corruption and  
unlawful activities