

Transparency International Bangladesh
Highlights on Right to Information

RTK day observance 2012 and
Regular RTI campaign till February 2013

Information Fair and Seminar for RTK day 2012 with RTI forum:

On 27 September, TIB and RTI Forum jointly organized a daylong information fair at Bangladesh Shishu Academy premises in Dhaka. Mr. M Abu Taher, Chief Information Commissioner (In charge) and Information Commissioner Professor Sadeka Halim inaugurated the fair where 31 institutions including 8 Govt. organizations participated. Nearly 2000 people visited the stalls and received various IECs and application formats with the proper filing instruction. A seminar on 'People's Participation in realizing Right to Information' also organized there.



Information Fair with RTI Forum in Dhaka

Comprehensive Campaign for RTK day 2012 in Dhaka and CCCs:



Rally for RTK day in CCC of TIB

TIB has observed the International Right to Know Day 2012 over the country with the support of CCCs, Swajan, YES Friends and Youth Engagement Support (YES). TIB organized round-table discussions, seminar, human chain, rally, debate, quiz, essay and painting competitions, signing campaign and setting information booths in CCC areas and satellite campaign vans in Dhaka city on the issue of RTI Act and its implementation. With the slogan 'Janbo Janabo, Durniti Rukhbo', Dhaka YES later organized discussion program, seminars on Right to Information Act and its implication at their campus. With various programmes organized in CCCs more than 2 lakh people were participated in these campaigns.

Campaign with visual documents for RTK day: (RDC/TVCs in a CD)

To observe RTK day, three television commercials (TVC) and three radio commercials (RDC) highlighting issues of health, education and local government were produced and aired by selected electronic media as Radio Foorti, Radio ABC, Radio Today and Radio Amar. Dhaka YES opened a face book page on RTI (<https://www.facebook.com/rtibd>) for campaign among social media users. On the other hand, Television Commercials (TVC) was displayed in CCCs to convey the RTI messages of the act to the mass people during 2012.

Publishing IEC materials for RTK day: (TIB Concept note, Leaflet and sticker- pdf)

With the theme of 'Tathya Shakti' (তথ্যই শক্তি) almost 30 items of IEC materials on RTI act and its implementation such as concept note, leaflet, T-Shirt, sticker, booklet, Wrist bands were produced. And it was disseminated to some 4,00,000 people both in Dhaka and CCC areas. IECs RTI application formats campaign was widely continued with information desks and booths at Dhaka University, Jahangirnagar University, Shere Bangla Agricultural University and ULAB campus and adjacent areas in Dhaka. The guardians of the admission applicants, teachers and students including staffs were received instruction for RTI application filing on spot.

Information fairs at Committees of Concerned Citizens (CCC) areas:



Information Fair in CCC

Information Fairs at 42 CCCs were organized as a part of the RTK day observance and RTI campaign till February 2013. In collaboration with the local level authorities and Upazila Union Parishad, here RTI was used to linking peoples demand with the service providers. Different Governments and Non-governments organizations took part to create awareness among the common people. The fairs inspire the organizations to be concerned for pro-active disclosing of information. 279 stalls involving 173 govt. and 106 non govt. institutions participated in these fairs. Moreover, on hand RTI

filing was demonstrated through information fairs and AI-Desks where and YES members of 17 CCCs reached 1500 people. Renowned folk singer Farida Parveen was also performed on the occasion in Bagura. In Barguna, community radio Loko betar was on aired the important parts of the fair as media partner.

Satellite AI-Desk promoting proactive disclosure in CCCs and Dhaka:

TIB's Satellite Advice and Information Desk (AI-Desk) services focused on health, education and local government in all CCCs and Dhaka Medical College Hospital in Dhaka. Here RTI used to support the service providers for proactive discloser. Through these desks the services information distributing information leaflets by YES members. More than 2,00,000 people got services information in CCC areas and Dhaka.



Satellite AI-Desk in CCC

Theater Campaign on RTI by YES: (yearly compiled- photo)



Theater show on RTI in Dhaka

Some 150 street theater shows by the YES theater groups reached to some 33,000 people that emphasized RTI movement in CCC areas and Dhaka. Dhaka YES Theater groups produced two RTI focused story including 'Tathya-e-Pathya' in 2012 and in International RTK Day observance mass people were gathered through cultural programme. Here YES members' supports spreading the RTI messages among the common people.

Orientations on RTI Act 2009 for CCC members:

Day long orientations on Right to Information Act 2009 were organized for the CCC members of 7 clusters as Rangpur, Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Faridpur, Sylhet and Rajshahi. The basics of RTI Act 2009, access to infomation, the process of receiving information, appeal process to Information Commission were shared with the participants. More than 300 CCC members and Presidents from 45 CCCs attended the series of orientation programmes in the month of March, November, December 2012 and January 2013.



Orientation on RTI act for CCC members

Capacity on RTI Act for YES at CCCs and Dhaka: (yearly compiled- Photo)



Demonstrating RTI application in Dhaka

On the issue RTI, capacity building training programmes i.e. day long orientation, workshops and study circles for YES members along with YES friends at the 23 CCCs and Dhaka. Dhaka YES members of Ruqayyah Hall and Development Studies department of Dhaka University, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Jahangirnagar University, East West University and YES-1 participated and learnt about the basics of RTI Act. TIB officials facilitated with a presentation on 'how to apply and implement the act in Bangladesh'. At the end of the capacity programme, the participants demonstrated the request filing process for seeking information following RTI act.
