

Research Initiatives Bangladesh is continuously working with RTI since the Right to Information Act came into force in 2009. Various types of activities are going on regarding this Act to make its accessibility to mass people. The main focuses of these activities are to ensure transparency and accountability of government and some non-government organizations. Another focal point is how mass people especially indigenous people and marginalized community can be benefited by the act to establish their civil rights. RIB has opened a RTI resource centre as a part of its widespread activities. Two main side of RTI Resource centre are RTI Website and RTI Helpline.

RTI Website of RIB:

This is a separate website concerning Right to Information Act. All possible information about RTI has put together on the website. The web link is www.rib-rtibangladesh.org. Anyone can go through the website to find the basic ideas about the Right to Information Act. The specialty of this website is- this is a communicative and interactive website. From this website as anyone can get information about RTI, s/he would also be able to express ideas, can comment, and ask questions if any have. To do this s/he would have to open any page then fills his/her name and e-mail address and after that into the comment box s/he can put opinion or question or any quarry.

RTI Helpline:

Another part of RTI resource centre is RTI Helpline. The main purpose of this helpline is to provide help and support about RTI over phone. Helpline is available on all working days (except holidays) from 9 am to 5 pm. Helpline number is- 01766194571. Anyone can get information about RTI through a phone call.

The inauguration program of RTI Website and Helpline was held on 9th Feb, 2012. It took place at the Seminar Room of RIB. Information commissioner Dr.Sadeka Halim was Chef Guest. RIB Chairman Dr. Shamsul Bari and Executive Director Dr. Meghna Guhathakurta were present there. Other guests were Human Rights Activists and board member of RIB Dr. Hameeda Hossain, Phycist and writer Dr. Anup Rej. RIB officials and participant from other organizations were also present there. New RTI website of RIB was praised by all guests and participant. They all thought that, this website and helpline would be very much helpful to disseminate

information about RTI to mass people. RIB is also hopeful that this approach would be effective and fruitful to spread the activities and achieve the goal of RTI project.