



## Citizens' Campaign for Right to Information (CCRI)

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### *Press Release*

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Subject: 10<sup>th</sup> Right to Know Day Marked

Citizens' Campaign for Right to Information (CCRI)- Nepal marked 10th International Right to Know Day, organizing various programs in the Capital as well as in the various parts of the Country.

In Kathmandu, CCRI in collaboration with Freedom Forum and Nepal Press Institute organized a morning rally bringing together 300 participants from the various sectors including RTI activists, civil society representatives, senior journalist, human right activist, lawyers and students.

The Morning Rally converted into Corner Meeting at New Baneshor where Acting Chief Information Commissioner of National Information Commissioner Mr. Shree Acharya, Chair Person of Freedom Forum Mr. Taranath Dahal, Senior journalist Mr. Harihar Birahi, Chairperson of Association of Right to Information Dr Ram Krishna Timalina, Chairperson of CAHURAST Mr. Bishnu Pukar Shrestha, human right activist Mr. Charan Prasain, and representative from Nepal Press Institute Mr. Somnath Lamichhane, journalist Dharmendra Jha, Executive Director of CCRI Mr. Tanka Aryal addressed.

After the completion of Morning Rally, CCRI established RTI Help Desk at New Baneshwor Chok to create awareness about RTI and its importance which was inaugurated by Acting Chief Information Commissioner of National Information Commissioner Mr. Shree Acharya. The Desk distributed RTI materials, assisted to draft RTI application and provided other procedural support for seeking information. There were audio and visual presentation to aware people about Right to Know Day and Right to Information.

Outside the Kathmandu valley, CCRI organized different programs to mark 10<sup>th</sup> International Day in collaboration with RTI Advocacy Groups, RTI Centre, Student RTI Groups and National Information Commission. The Programs were following:

- Established RTI Help Desk in seven major cities; Doti, Kaski, Kailali, Banke, Butwal, Dharan and Jhapa to provide direct service to the information seeker and to raise awareness on RTI, distributed advocacy materials and had audio and visual presentation.
- Morning Rally organized in Jhapa and Kailai
- Interaction program was organized in Jhapa, Kaski and Doti
- The student groups in Pokhara presented their findings about the state of enforcement of RTI in various Public Agencies in Kaski which was carried out in partnership with CCRI.
- RTI Student Group of the Kathmandu School of Law and Nepal Law Campus, in Kathmandu, visited 10 different Public Higher Secondary Schools in the Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Bhaktapur and Kavre districts and taught about the Right to Know Day and Importance of Right to Information to the about 1000 students.

The programs were useful to raise awareness on Right to Information among general public as well as stakeholders.

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