



Access to Information programme of CHRI just concluded its annual ten-day South-Asia RTI learning programme with participants from Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Afghanistan. The programme took place in Delhi and Gujarat. It involved interactions with key stakeholders involved in India's RTI campaign and the implementation of its RTI Act.

While in Delhi, the group met with members of the judiciary, an Information Commissioner, representatives from the nodal department for implementation of RTI in the Government of India, i.e., Department of Personnel and Training as well as RTI advocates and activists involved in the long campaign for RTI in India.

In Gujarat, the group studied the implementation of RTI Act at the grassroots. This part of the programme had a special focus on the execution of proactive disclosure stipulated by the India's RTI Act. The participants witnessed various kinds of information, proactively disclosed by the village panchayat office of four different villages. CHRI believes that this regional experience sharing bolsters the demand for stronger RTI laws and better implementation of them, in the participating countries.