

Annual 'RTI Champion Award'

Coalition on Right to Information, (CRTI) has constituted Annual RTI Champion Award to protect and promote citizens' right to information held by public bodies. The award ceremony will be held every year on 28th September to celebrate international Right to Know day. Each year, a citizen, a journalist and an NGO will be given RTI Champion Award who will use any of the following laws to have access to information held by public bodies.

- Freedom of Information Ordinance 2002
- Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Right to Information Act 2013
- Punjab Transparency and Right to Information Act 2013
- Balochistan Freedom of Information Act 2005
- Sindh Freedom of Information Act 2006

Criteria:

The awards will be given in the following categories.

Citizens:

Citizens use information requests both for personal benefits and for public bodies.

The evaluation criteria for citizens category will be as under:

Citizen who will persistently try to have access to information held by public bodies through the use of right to information laws.

Journalists:

Journalists can use RTI legislation as a tool for investigative reporting.

The evaluation criteria for journalists category will be as under:

The award will be given to a journalist who will get access to certified information through the use of right to information legislation and publish story on issue of public importance.

Civil Society Groups:

Civil society groups can strengthen their work pertaining to realization of citizen's rights by having access to certified information held by public bodies. The evaluation criteria for civil society group's category will be as under:

The award will be given to that civil society group which will use RTI legislation for access to information held by public bodies and use the information thus sought in its publications and reports.

Apart from these awards, an anti-award will also be given to dishonor bad practices to a funny or absurd decision made by a public official on information request filed under right to information laws.

Award Committee:

The Award Committee will consist of eminent personalities and will be tasked to select one winner from each category under the declared criteria.