

Anti-Bribe Campaign

10/01/2007 - RTI Campaign Camp, Kanpur

As part of the anti-bribe campaign, an RTI awareness camp was organized next to the Arjun Guest House at the Bara Devi crossroad today. Apart from trying to get informed about the RTI Act, people were very enthusiastic in trying to understand how they could use this act to obtain information about their applications that had been put on hold in various government departments. They also wanted to know how they could use RTI to find out about the various development schemes for their area. 1000 pamphlets were distributed, and about 600-700 people were provided information about the RTI Act.



Mr. Surya Pratap Singh, a Bara Devi resident, requested for details on how much land had been acquired by KDA viz. the year of acquisition, the name/address of the farmer, and the compensation amount. Mr. Shankar Singh, an activist from the camp, asked the food provisioning department to provide information on the quantity of ration that had been disbursed to some of the shops in the past 6 months. He requested for further details on the quantity of ration being received by various cardholders along with a proven record of the name and salary of the cardholders. Most of the complaints lodged today were ration related.



10/09/2007 - Organized by the RTI Kanpur Campaign on the occasion of Tehsil Day

On the occasion of Tehsil Day and as part of the RTI campaign, an anti-bribe campaign was organized at Phoolbaag, Kanpur. The camp had a huge turnout as it was Tehsil Day. The attendees presented their concerns to the main officers from some of the prominent departments in the zilla. Applications were filed for handicapped / senior citizen / widow pensions, new ration cards etc. Some people were lined up with their paperwork to enquire about tasks that had not progressed. Approximately 500-600 applications were filed. As per the 2005 RTI Act, a second round of additional applications was filed for people whose initial applications had not been addressed. Majority of the applications filed was for ration card related issues by people from the Bara Devi ward.



10/11/2007 – 2 Day RTI Camp held outside the Office of the Kanpur Development Authority

As part of the RTI UP campaign, the public was provided information on the RTI Act today. Apart from ending corruption in government departments, these departments were also urged to implement the RTI Act correctly. In a course of 6 months, this was the 5th camp held by the campaign outside the KDA and municipal corporation offices. After a considerable amount of effort applied in this duration, a PIO board was finally displayed outside these two offices, and the office of the PIO was relocated from the second floor to the first floor. A multitude of issues was



raised against the KDA and the municipal corporation in these 2 days. As part of the residential scheme of the Tanya Tope town ship, a 50-meter plot of land had been granted to Uma Pandey. She had been charged the fees for a corner plot. But during the registration of the land, she was informed that the plot had been shifted from corner to the middle. There were past reports against KDA having modified the layout, and having had sold parks / plots in an unaccountable manner. Using the RTI Act, KDA was requested to provide a proven record on the net value of the layout of the Tanya Tope town ship. Some of the camp attendees

requested for information on the Pokharpur residential scheme. Mr.Ravi Sharma, one of the RTI activists, asked KDA to provide information about the responsible officers who had attended the last 5 hearings on behalf of KDA in the ongoing Ravi Sharma versus KDA lawsuit. Some of the details requested were regarding the expense incurred on these officers in these 5 days, whether KDA had hired an attorney for the case, attorney fees etc. It was made clear that this money would not have been wasted had the information been provided in a timely fashion. Hence the names of all these offending officers were requested for along with the departmental action that would be taken against these officers. Approximately 100 applications were filed in these 2 days.

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