

Girls Turn RTI Advocates

Young women from different educational institutions took part in a bootcamp organized by MRDI to augment their knowledge on RTI and develop them as advocates for advancing right of access to information for women. Now they are applying their knowledge to the extent that they are holding their own educational institutions accountable.

*Some glimpses from the
participants' comments....*



“ This was an amazing experience. We have become more knowledgeable about RTI and cautious about our rights.
—Rajoni Akter ”

“ My perception about RTI Act completely changed after coming to this boot camp. This act can work as a super power as it helps get any information we want, from anywhere, anytime.
—Faria Abdullah ”

“ The camp made us aware about our rights. By using this act many problems can be solved; transparency and accountability can be ensured.
—Jannatun Nahar ”

“ RTI bootcamp of MRDI made me very confident by creating a friendly learning environment. I feel very lucky to be a part of it and I am willing to continue this relation by applying my RTI knowledge.
—Israt Jahan ”

“ This program has provided me with knowledge of my right to know and its use to claim my rights. Now I am clear about the process of getting information.
—Shorna ”

“ Right to Information should be included in basic rights, which can decrease corruption. As a citizen or authority, getting and providing information are my right and
—Shamima Ahmed (Lima) ”

“ As a journalism student, I had basic knowledge about RTI but the bootcamp and the study circles provided me with knowledge on application process and demand creation.
—Zainab Khaton ”

“ I think corruption happens because of lack of openness. Most people don't know that providing information is mandatory for authorities. Bootcamp can be an effective tool to spread the knowledge.
—Dina Afsana ”

“ This particular initiative of MRDI enhanced my knowledge of the RTI Act and how to actually implement the act in our daily lives; most importantly, to enjoy the process of learning through group works.
—Naila Fahmin Rasha ”

“After knowing about RTI Act 2009, I was not sure whether it would work. But once I received information and saw results, I became courageous. I want to take my country on the path to truth.”
—Beauty Akter

“My knowledge gained through RTI boot camp and study circles was very significant. I learned about my right to know and its use through the camp.”
—Deedhiti Chakma

“This is a new experience for me. I did not know anything about RTI Act 2009 before but now I know how it works. If I see any wrong, using RTI comes to my mind before anything else.”
—Sanzida Maliha Momo

“RTI bootcamp was very important incident in my life. I got to know about RTI Act and my right through this. Thanks to MRDI. I will not be afraid anymore to seek any information.”
—Afra Nawmi

“By using RTI I know many things now. It is true that if we get information, we get freedom.”
—Jhumur Rine

“MRDI provided us with books, leaflets and posters on RTI which I distributed among other people so now they also know about RTI and I helped them in this process.”
—Mahbuba Nasrin

“Through the camp and study circle I came to know about the RTI Act 2009 and how to use the act.”
—Khaleda Akter

“This act can change people and help expedite country's development process. By using this act, we can get information and can fight corruption. Thanks to the bootcamp organizers.”
—Sweety Akter

“As a participant of the bootcamp, I learned about RTI through fun and games. The study circles taught us the importance and use of this Act. I feel proud to be a part of this initiative.”
—Mollika Hossain

“ If I see any wrong-doing, now I know how to deal with it. If I need any information from authorities I can get it by using RTI Act. The act can make a big change.

—Suborna

“ The bootcamp made me witness many stories. The stories of positive change and rights. I am grateful to be a part of these stories. It is my duty to use my knowledge.

— Syeda Nur-E Jannat

“ By using RTI Act we can get any information we want. Bootcamp gave the opportunity to meet and interact with different segments of women.

—Rojina Howlader

“ MRDI's RTI project answered many queries of my mind. In my educational life and work life this knowledge will serve many purposes and hopefully I will have MRDI by my side.

— Marufa Akter

“ The boot-camp and the overall experience was really educational. The camp enabled me to mix with people from various backgrounds, learn about their perspectives.

—Tiasa Idrak

“ Now a days if I see any problem I try to use RTI act. I never realized how effective this act is. The bootcamp gave me the knowledge and courage.

—Sumya Arefin Arni

“ MRDI brought all the possible resources to deliver their best in our 3-day boot-camp on Right to Information Act. It has produced a novel approach in an innovative way for all of us.

—Jannatun Tagrin

“ Bootcamp taught me about RTI Act which is very helpful. This kind of initiatives should be taken more frequently; specially for the youth.

—Farha Naz

“ The bootcamp made me familiar with RTI Act which enabled me to take actions regarding issues that I don't usually talk about.

—Mushfika Binte Mufazzal



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