

2. Ignoring the plight of RTI users facing death for keeping our democracy alive is a threat to democracy itself
Analyse (200w)

WHISTLE BLOWING

Whistle blowing is an act of disclosing information by an employee or any concerned stakeholder about illegal or unethical conduct within organisation.

RTI Act, 2015

- Act which empower the citizen to question the secrecy & abuse of power practised in government.

FACTS OF RTI users

- * Unfortunately after implement of RTI, 100 of RTI users/activist across country killed & some harassed
- * Bihar ~~has~~ is one of most dangerous state for RTI users
- * since 2010 - 20 of them lost their lives & 2018 - 6 of them lost their lives.
- * Most of them are in basic civic duty of public vigilance
- * killing of RTI user make their family struggle & their request also not encouraged after death

WAY TO PROTECT

- * 1st - state govt. need to take 1st step to protect whistle blowers from threat / attack.
- * 2nd - available evidence also clearly disclosed to public authority even RTI member is not alive eg: ~~Dr~~ Jan Soochna portal by Karnataka's Mahiti Kanaja.
- * 3rd - state Information commission will immediately give answer to ~~given~~ question before threat happens.

PROTECTION ACTS

WHISTLE BLOWERS PROTECTION ACT - 2019 adopted by C. Govt. but not taken proper step to safe guard whistle RTI users / whistle blowers.

CONCLUSION

* State Legislation should be enacted to provide protection to innocent whistle blowers

* ~~It~~ strengthening of the whistle blowers mechanism will help in ensuring that the integrity of democracy is PROTECTED, CHERISHED & UPHELD