

THE BRAVE

Ordinary people with extraordinary courage who risked and lost their lives; for justice, for rights, for truth and transparency. for others.

Defend their ideals. Uphold their work. And in doing so, remember the Brave.

Each of these brave people were seeking accountability and justice through the filing of Right To Information applications (RTIs) in a number of areas such as - illegal constructions, land grabbing, sand mining, and the misuse of government funds and resources in development and education work.



BHUPENDRA VIRRA (61)
(MUMBAI)
Oct 2016 - Shot dead for seeking information on illegal constructions



J PARASMAL (59)
(CHENNAI)
Jul 2016 - Hacked to death for questioning about illegal constructions



VINAYAK BALIGA (51)
(UDUPI)
Mar 2016 - Hacked to death for questioning builders and civic authorities



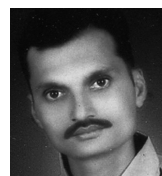
RATANSINH CHOUDHARY (54)
(BANASKANTHA)
Oct 2015 - Beaten to death for exposing a racket on embezzlement of money meant for flood victims



JAWAHARLAL TIWARY (63)
(MUZZAFFARPUR)
Aug 2015 - Murdered for inquiring about embezzlement of money meant for flood victims



SAILESH KANTILAL
(SURENDRANGAR)
Jun 2015 - Murdered for inquiring about illicit liquor trading



SANDEEP KOTHARI (40)
(BALASOHT)
Jun 2015 - Burt for uncovering information on land and mining mafia



KRUPASINDHU SAHOO (40)
(CUTTACK)
Jan 2015 - Drowned in a river for questioning irregularities in funds for development of agriculture



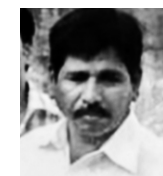
MVN SHANKAR (53)
(GUNTUR)
Nov 2014 - Attacked with rods for reporting on irregularities in the Public Distribution System



YALLALINGA KURUBA (17)
(BELGAUM)
Jan 2014 - Murdered for asking information on implementation of the MGNREGA scheme



ABRAR SHAIKH (32)
(BHIWANDI)
Dec 2013 - Murdered for seeking information on illegal construction



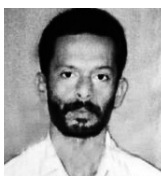
VASANT PATIL (52)
(MUMBAI)
Jul 2013 - Stabbed 22 times for questioning land grabbing and construction of illegal buildings



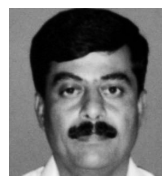
ANAND PRAKASH RAJPUT (42)
(FARRUKHABAD)
Feb 2013 - Shot dead for asking about irregularities in the Basic Education Department



SUNIL KUMAR LOHARIYA (50)
(MUMBAI)
Feb 2014 - Shot dead for seeking information about illegal buildings



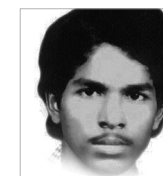
VASUDEVA ADIGA (40)
(MANGALURU)
Jan 2013 - Tortured and murdered for questioning quarry owners



LINGARAJU (45)
(BENGALURU)
Nov 2012 - Hacked to death for RTIs filed against a Corporator



RAVINDER BALWANI (61)
(DELHI)
April 2012 - Hit by a car for making charges against government officials and politicians



S BHUVANESHWAR (38)
(THIRUVALLUR)
Jan 2012 - Hacked to death in the presence of his four-year-old daughter for standing up against land-grabbers



NADEEM SAIED
(AHMEDABAD)
Nov 2011 - Stabbed to death for exposing land racket and electricity theft



SHEHLA MASOOD (38)
(BHOPAL)
Aug 2011 - Shot dead for seeking information on various corruption cases and mining



NIYAMAT ANSARI
(LATEHAR)
March 2011 - Beaten to death for exposing corruption in NREGA scheme



RAMDAS GHADEGAONKAR (35)
(NANDED)
Aug 2010 - Murdered for exposing the sand mining mafia



AMIT JETHWA (34)
(AHMEDABAD)
July 2010 - Shot dead for asking questions about illegal mining



SOLA RANGA RAO (30)
(KRISHNA)
April 2010 - Murdered for seeking information on the funding of his village's drainage system



VITTHAL GITTE (39)
(BEED)
April 2010 - Attacked with sickles for asking about irregularities in school funds



SHASHIDHAR MISHRA (35)
(BEGUSARAI)
Feb 2010 - Shot dead for exposing scams in the welfare scheme



VISHRAM LAXMAN DODIYA
(AHMEDABAD)
Feb 2010 - Stabbed to death for filing an RTI against a power distribution company



SATISH SHETTY (38)
(PUNE)
Jan 2010 - Assaulted and killed for exposing land scams



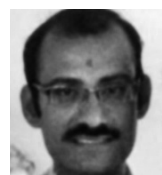
VENKATESH (49)
(BENGALURU)
April 2010 - Assaulted on the neck with a sharp weapon for questioning illegal land encroachment



KAMESHWAR YADAV
(GIRIDIH)
June 2008 - Shot dead for exposing corruption in minor irrigation work



LALIT MEHTA (36)
(PALAMU)
May 2008 - Murdered for uncovering widespread corruption in the NREGA scheme



SRINATH (36)
(MYSURU)
Dec 2016 - Murdered and dumped in the river for informing the anti-corruption bureau about certain officials



CHANDRA MOHAN SHARMA (38)
(NOIDA)
May 2014 - Car set on fire for uncovering land allotment irregularities



DATTATRAYA PATIL (47)
(KOLHAPUR)
May 2010 - Stabbed to death for exposing corruption amongst politicians and bureaucracy



SUHAS HALDANKAR
(PUNE)
April 2017 - Murdered with concrete blocks for exposing civic lapses and inefficiency of local corporators

SHAMBHU RAM BISHNOI (35)
(UDUPI)
Oct 2013 - Beaten to death with rods for exposing corruption in NREGA scheme

SURESH KUMAR (40)
(MANGALURU)
May 2013 - Attacked and killed for seeking information on irregularities in developmental work

RAJESH YADAV (31)
(GHATELAPUR)
Dec 2012 - Strangled for asking about corruption in the IAY Scheme

KAPURCHAND GUPTA
(MUMBAI)
Nov 2012 - Stabbed 27 times for shining light on issues of a money-lending business

GANESH PANDA (52)
(CHITTOUR)
Dec 2011 - Murdered for seeking information on irregularities in developmental work

PREMNATH JHA (42)
(MUMBAI)
Feb 2012 - Shot dead for seeking details on construction projects

AMIT KAPASIA
(GOVIND)
Dec 2011 - Stabbed to death for seeking details on sale of plots

JAYESH BAROT
(PANCHGANGA)
Nov 2011 - Murdered for protesting the construction of an illegal building

YOGESH SHEKHAR
(PANCHGANGA)
Nov 2011 - Murdered for asking about irregularities in handloom weavers' cooperative societies

V BALASUBRAMANIAN (68)
(MANGALURU)
Aug 2010 - Murdered for asking about irregularities in handloom weavers' cooperative societies

ALI HASAN (38)
(SHIMLA)
Dec 2010 - Beaten to death for seeking information on the work done by the village sarpanch

P VEERABHADRAIAH (46)
(MELISSA)
Feb 2017 - Murdered for exposing irregularities in many government departments

RAM VILAS SINGH (56)
(LAKSHMIBARU)
Dec 2011 - Shot dead for seeking information on irregularities in the implementation of welfare schemes

MANGAT SINGH TYAGI
(HARDO)
April 2014 - Shot dead for questioning work done by government departments

KARSON ALA (55)
(BHOJAN)
Jan 2016 - Shot dead for objecting illegal mining

MOHAN WAGHMARE (48)
(DARGA)
Feb 2017 - Murdered for being an eye-witness to attack on fellow RTI activist Digambar Paigade

RAJESH SAVALIYA (31)
(DARGA)
July 2017 - Murdered for exposing the education mafia

SANJAY TYAGI (40)
(MELISSA)
May 2016 - Shot dead for seeking information on various development projects

TINKU
(MELISSA)
April 2015 - Shot during an attack on his brother who had been exposing irregularities in a Public Distribution System shop

ZAKIR SIDDIQUE
(MUZZAFFARPUR)
May 2017 - Shot dead for questioning misappropriation of funds on public works

VINDO KUMAR
(PANCHGANGA)
Feb 2011 - Murdered for making inquiries on irregularities by the village sarpanch

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