

Sri Rakesh Dubbudu:

Sri Rakesh Dubbudu is a well known transparency campaigner from India and has been working on Right to Information (RTI) related issues for the last decade. He is currently one of the co-convenors of the National Campaign for People's Right to Information (NCPRI) in India.

He is also the founder of 'FACTLY' (www.factly.in), an initiative aimed at making government data/information more meaningful for the common citizen. Within a short period of time, the portal has become one of the best in the public information space.

Sri Rakesh brings immense experience in dealing with Government Data, Policy and various government related information. He is also an engineering graduate from one of the foremost engineering institutions in India. His technical skills give him a unique advantage. Sri Rakesh has also played a significant role in the launch of the 'Open Data Policy' by the Government of Telangana, the newest state in India.

His RTI trainings reached more than 12000 people across the country comprising a variety of stakeholders from government, civil society etc. He has also constantly engaged with the various government departments in ensuring better information disclosure under the Indian RTI law. He also has experience in leading various research & impact studies on the RTI law in India and has been a Right to Information Fellow of the Government of India in 2014. He is a regular columnist in the leading Telugu and English dailies on issues related to transparency, opening up government.

He was Selected for the South Central Asia Region Legislative Fellows Program (an exchange program for Young leaders from 5 South Central Asian countries sponsored by the U.S. Department of State). He is one of the five from India in 2014. He Was one of the speakers at the 'International Open Data Conference 2016 (IODC 2016)' on 'From supply based to demand based strategies in Open Data'. He was selected as a 'RTI Fellow' for the year 2014 by Government of India. He received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from NIT Warangal and he won a special Jury award in the first ever Citizen Journalist.