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Shri Naveen Patnaik,  
Chief Minister of Odisha

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**Subject: Reported murder of RTI activist Ranjan Kumar Das in Kendrapara District, Odisha**

Dear Mr. Chief Minister,

The National Campaign for Peoples' Right to Information (NCPRI) is gravely concerned about the reported murder of RTI activist Rajan Kumar Das, aged 35, in Beruan, Kendrapara District, Odisha. As per initial media reports, the body of Mr. Das was found beside his motorbike early in the morning on 1st February 2020 and was immediately sent for post mortem by the local police.

( <https://pragativadi.com/police-recover-rti-activists-body-in-kendrapara/>)

Mr. Das was a well known RTI activist in the state and was also a core member of the Odisha Sookhna Adhikar Abhiyan, a state wide network working with the Right to Information Law.

Further details regarding the circumstances around his killing are awaited.

The NCPRI urges the Odisha government to conduct a thorough, timely and effective investigation into the murder of Ranjan Kumar Das.

Regards,

Anjali Bhardwaj, Nikhil Dey, Pradip Pradhan, Pankti Jog, Rakesh Dubbudu, Shaikh Rasool Ghulam, Venkatesh Nayak, Aruna Roy, Amrita Johri, Abey George, Aheli Chowdhury, Ajay Jangid, Balwinder Singh, Bhaskar Prabhu, Chakradhar Buddha, Karuna M, Rolly Shivhare and Vipul Mudgal

(On behalf of the National Campaign for Peoples' Right to Information)

cc Shri Asit Kumar Tripathy, Chief Secretary

cc Shri Abhay, DGP

cc Shri Sunil Kumar Misra, Odisha State Chief Information Commissioner