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# What makes RTI Wiki so good for Documentation?

## Vision of RTI Wiki



RTI Wiki is a web-based, free-content Right to Information encyclopedia project supported by the [rtiindia.org](http://rtiindia.org) and based on a model of openly editable content. RTI Wiki articles provide links designed to guide the user to related pages with additional information.

RTI Wiki is written collaboratively by largely anonymous volunteers who write without pay. Anyone with Internet access can write and make changes to RTI Wiki articles, except in limited cases where editing is restricted to prevent disruption or vandalism. Users can contribute anonymously, under a pseudonym, or, if they choose to, with their real identity.

The fundamental principles by which RTI Wiki operates are the five pillars. The Wiki community has developed many policies and guidelines to improve the RTI encyclopedia; however, it is not a formal requirement to be familiar with them before contributing.

Since its creation in 2013, RTI Wiki has grown rapidly into one of the largest reference websites. Every day, hundreds of thousands of visitors from around the country and world collectively make thousands of edits and create thousands of new articles to augment the knowledge held by the RTI Wiki encyclopedia.

What is contributed is more important than the expertise or qualifications of the contributor. What will remain depends upon whether the content is free of copyright restrictions and contentious material about living people, and whether it fits within RTI Wiki policies, including being verifiable against a published reliable source, thereby excluding editors' opinions and beliefs and unreviewed research. Contributions cannot damage RTI Wiki because the software allows easy reversal of mistakes and many experienced editors are watching to help ensure that edits are cumulative improvements. Begin by simply clicking the Edit link at any editable page!

RTI Wiki is a live collaboration

RTI Wiki is a live collaboration differing from paper-based reference sources in important ways. Unlike printed encyclopedias, RTI Wiki is continually created and updated. Because everybody can help improve it, RTI Wiki has become more comprehensive than any other encyclopedia. In addition to quantity, its contributors work on improving quality as well. RTI Wiki is a work-in-progress, with articles in various stages of completion. As articles develop, they tend to become more comprehensive and balanced. Quality also improves over time as misinformation and other errors are removed or repaired. However, because anyone can click "edit" at any time and add stuff in, any

article may contain undetected misinformation, errors, or vandalism. Awareness of this helps the reader to obtain valid information, avoid recently added misinformation, and fix the article.

## RTI Wiki is good for documentation

- Easy to start: you can share unfinished content early, exposed to many eyes
- Easy to create and maintain structured, up-to-date documents:
  - collaborative
  - easy to access through the web, with simple login or without any login
  - easy to modify, no need to know HTML
  - easy to link pages
  - easy to create simple and consistent pages
  - easy to search
  - easy to extend with external pages.

## RTI Wiki is even better for documentation

- Easy to modify:
  - section editing
- Automatic services:
  - future links: links to non-existing pages are red
  - backlinks
  - inner indexing
  - revision handling
  - table of contents for each page
- Maybe more I can't remember 😊

To get started please read our [Formatting Syntax](#) to edit RTI wiki. Visit our [Right to Information Wiki Workshop](#) to find out broken links and correct them.

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