

International Anti-corruption Day 2018

Call for specific commitment and implementation outline for preventing corruption

Strong political will is imperative in fighting against corruption. Ahead of the national parliamentary election, Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) stressed on specific commitment and implementation outline from the political parties to fill in governance shortcomings. To ensure democratic accountability, it urged the parties to lay out time-bound action plans following the national integrity strategy. To make peoples engagement significant in the International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD) and ensure freedom of expression for all the citizens, TIB called upon the government to amend the Digital Security Act and Civil Service Act as some provisions of the laws created a context in which people feel insecure to raise voice and are forced to exercise self-censorship, and interrupt effective implementation of anti-corruption acts. Besides, TIB also urged to ensure application of political will in strengthening the Anti-Corruption Commission with establishing honesty, non-partisanship and consistency in the leadership level. These demands including others were equivocally placed for the consideration of the stakeholders by TIB through a number of outreach programmes marking IACD this year at local and national level.



As part of its week-long observation, TIB's this years IACD celebration kicked off with conferring Investigative Journalism Awards 2018 to winning journalists on 6 December in a ceremony held at its central office in Dhaka followed by a discussion meeting on 'Challenges of Investigative Journalism in perspective of Digital Security Act'.

Held at the Meghomala Conference room of its Central Office in Dhanmondi on 6 December, International Affairs Adviser to the Prime Minister of Bangladesh Professor Gowher Rizvi graced the event as the Chief Guest while Chairperson of Board of Trustees, TI Bangladesh Advocate Sultana Kamal presided over the meeting. Among others, TI Bangladesh Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman was also present at the event. At the conclusion of the meeting, TI Bangladesh awarded the winners of the 20th Investigation Journalism Awards 2018.

In the meeting, Sheikh Manjur-E-Alam, Director-Outreach and Communication, TI Bangladesh presented the keynote paper on Challenges of Investigative Journalism in context of Digital Security Act

where Mr. Alam highlighted on how different provisions of the act pose risks and challenges to investigative reporting. Later reputed writer and journalist Abul Momen, Feature Editor of the Daily ProthomAloSumonaSharmin, Editor of Dhaka Bangla Channel (DBC) Jayedul Ahsan Pintu, and former Executive Editor of UNB, Journalist Reaz Ahmad also discussed as the Panelists. Among others, distinguished media experts, professionals, representatives from civil society, NGOs and media were present at the event.



In response to the criticisms against recently enacted law, Dr.Gowher Rizvi said, the much-discussed act was amendable only after further discussion among the stakeholders would give it a perfect shape. He said freedom of thought was the foundation of human civilization, citing that inconsiderate censorship on media would turn it into a slippery slope. He said poverty will stay as long as there is corruption. But only law is not enough to reduce corruption. The citizens have to be vocal and socially boycott the corrupt, he added. He expressed the hope that the discussion on the pros and cons of the law would continue even after the general election.

Followed by the discussion meet, TI-Bangladesh conferred Investigative Journalism Awards 2018 to six journalists and two teams of journalists for video documentary. Winning Journalists of each category were awarded by Dr.Gowher Rizvi with a cheque worth BDT 1 lac twenty-five thousand, a crest and a certificate of honour; and each documentary was awarded cheque worth BDT 1 lac and fifty thousand, a crest and a certificate of honour.



On 9 December, the celebration kicked off in the morning with simultaneous Youth Rallies and Human Chains in the capital city and all 64 district headquarters of the country with the theme: Sustainable Development, Peace and Good Governance: Together against Corruption, jointly organized by TI-

Bangladesh and Bangladesh's Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) in cooperation with relevant District administrations, supported by Cabinet Division. Anti-corruption volunteers of CCC-YES network, tens of thousands of people, public officials and representatives, professionals, civil society, media, business and young students from schools, colleges and universities joined these IACD events. A joint cartoon and photo exhibition (TIB Cartoons and Photos) was also organized on 9th December at ACC head office in Dhaka for the first time marking the day.



At the capital, TIB organized a human chain at the University of Dhaka with the above-mentioned theme where a large number of YES including network members, TIB staff joined the human chain. TIB's Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman was present at the human chain were followed by placing 10 points demands, the participants demanded transparency and accountability in all levels. Dr. Iftekharuzzaman said, "Bangladesh's noteworthy progress in adopting anti-corruption laws and policies is beset with widespread shortcomings in practice and enforcement level. The possibility of enforcing the anti-corruption acts has been reduced because of some contradictory laws like Digital Security Act and Civil Service Act which become a weapon not only against freedom of expression but also against the anti-corruption movement. The Government should immediately take necessary steps in correcting the laws either through amendment or annulment if needed replacing with a citizen's-friendly one. Without effective response from the government and ACC, the fight against corruption will fail."



Earlier in an anti-corruption meet, Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain, Hon'ble Chief Justice of Bangladesh launched an anti-corruption TV Commercial (TVC), jointly produced by TIB and ACC which was later

carried away by all the national and local TV and Radio stations. The awareness-raising TVC with anti-corruption message focused on "Challenges of Men's Corruption on Women: Way Out".

In the afternoon, prizes were distributed to cartoonists and photographers who joined TIB's 13th Anti-Corruption Cartoon Competition 2018 and 4th Anti-Corruption Photo Competition 2018. H.E. Ms. Winnie Estrup Petersen, the Royal Danish Ambassador to Bangladesh gave away the prizes and also inaugurated the week-long cartoons and photographs exhibition at the DRIK Gallery, Dhanmondi, Dhaka.

At the inauguration of the exhibition and awarding ceremony, Mr. Anders Öhrström, Deputy Head of Mission and Head of Development Cooperation, Embassy of Sweden; and Dr. Luke Mukubvu, Governance and Institutional Adviser- PFM and Service Delivery, DFID Bangladesh were present as Guests. Presided over by TIB Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman, Chairperson of Board of Trustees, TIB Advocate Sultana Kamal was also present at the event.



61 cartoons including 6 winners and 55 special mention cartoons, 23 photographs including 3 winners and 20 special mention photographs were displayed at an exhibition at DRIK Gallery from 9-13 December.

TI-Bangladesh-inspired YES members under Committees of Concerned Citizens (CCCs) in 45 locations of the country observed the day using various social accountability tools, including various cultural events, video show, rallies, human chain, bi-cycle rally and discussion meetings. YES, members joined in human chains, rallies, signature campaigns and various awareness-raising activities demanding to enable an environment for the anti-corruption fighters to strengthen the movement.

TIB calls for ensuring basic rights and proper wages of tea workers

Despite a number of measures taken in recent years by the government and garden owners to improve the working environment and rights of the labourers, the living conditions of tea workers in the country is still not satisfactory. Majority of the tea plantation workers in the country are being deprived of proper wages and their basic rights, mainly because of legal bottlenecks and irregularities in government monitoring agencies, revealed in a study of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB).

With an aim to identify governance challenges regarding working environment and workers' rights in tea gardens, the findings of the study titled "Working Environment and Workers' Rights in Tea Gardens: Governance Challenges and Way Forward" were unveiled in a Press Conference on 18 December 2018 at TIB Dhaka office where TIB Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman, Adviser Executive Management Professor Dr. Sumaiya Khair, Director-Research & Policy Mohammad Rafiqul Hassan were present. Programme Manager Dipu Roy of Research & Policy division, TIB presented the research findings and recommendations of the report. Deputy Programme Manager Md. Golam Mostofa and Assistant

Programme Manager Md. Rabiul Islam of TIB, the other two members of the research team were also present at the event.



Applying both qualitative and quantitative research method, the study was conducted from August 2017 to August 2018. The research data derived from the direct interview of 1,911 permanent tea workers of 64 gardens along with key informant interview and Focus Group Discussion.

The study found that the highest monthly wage of a tea worker is Tk 5,231 with all allowances included, which is lower than any other sector in Bangladesh. A tea worker gets Tk 102 as daily wage as per the latest agreement between tea workers and garden owners, while non-permanent workers get less than their permanent peers. The survey also found that none of the garden authority pays double for overtime, even though this is stipulated in a provision of labour law. The research showed that 11.6 per cent of permanent workers were left out of the provident fund facility.

During the investigation of the working environment of the tea gardens, the research found that no gardens have tube wells or any permanent system for availing drinking water as well as an adequate number of toilets for workers. Besides, 57 per cent tea workers claimed that the garden authorities do not provide any kind of protection materials like mask, gloves, shoes, glass etc. during spreading pesticides. Although tea garden owners are supposed to provide accommodation for each tea worker and their family, 32,299 permanent and temporary labourers do not have a separate home to live in as per the information of Bangladesh Tea Board. Furthermore, some houses provided by owners are constructed of wood and tin, in most cases without doors, windows or fences. In 90.6 per cent of the cases, a labourer gets only one room where he has to stay with other family members including parents, siblings, wife, and children and even with the cattle.



When it comes to electricity, some garden owners do not even make connections available in workers' houses. The situation prompted 27.9 per cent of workers to depend on kerosene light for their houses. Regarding healthcare, the research says 11 of the 64 gardens did not set up any health centre or dispensary. Around 61.7 per cent of workers said they had to purchase medicine from outside the gardens while 79.1 per cent said owners did not provide the money.

The research also revealed that the tea workers cannot put on any form of headwear in front of the garden managers, assistant managers and heads of panchayets (village councils). Sometimes people of these positions even order the tea workers to take off their shoes.

The Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments is supposed to conduct investigations to ensure labour rights but they are involved in corruption and so deprivation of tea workers continue. Despite some progress made in recent years, tea workers still cannot enjoy their basic rights, Dr. Iftekharuzzaman said. Considering overall circumstances, wages offered to the tea plantation workers are the lowest compared to other sectors. Tea estate workers are deprived of basic needs like education, healthcare and residential facility, though the sector is a vital part of Bangladesh's economy, he added.

The nine-point recommendations made by the study include, introduction of a logical, fair and compatible wage structure with other sectors by the government and garden authorities and review of it in every two years in accordance with the market price; ensure education, sanitation, group insurance, gratuity, wages, welfare fund and drinking water for the workers in line with labour law; renew of the bilateral agreement between the workers and the garden authority before one month of its expiry; introduction of a both side display digital leaf weighing machine and provision of tea leaves-weighing and wage distribution duty to different people; digitalization of Provident Fund Office activities and initiatives to inform workers about monthly instalments through mobile sms or any easy access medium; distribution of yearly Provident Fund Statement to workers; increase the number of inspection by the officials of DIG Office and Department of Inspection of Factories and Establishments and provision of sending a copy of the inspection report to the labour union along with garden authorities; ensure free education for all the child of tea garden workers' by implementing universal government education policy and ensure modern health facilities for all workers; prompt implementation of 'Roadmap to improve tea industry' with the participation of all stakeholders, including the Tea Association of Bangladesh.

Rape in Rain Tree Hotel, Banani: TIB concerned over probable delay in ensuring justice

TIB expressed deep concern over the prospect of further delay in ensuring justice in the high-profile rape case in the Banani Rain Tree Hotel thanks to the release of the principal accused. TIB strongly demanded exemplary punishment of the guilty subject to speedy trial in the due process as per law. Questions and grave concerns logically raised in the minds of the people over the transfer of the judge, immediately following which the bail was granted, the statement added. In this context,

TIB called upon the government to prevent any such measures that affect the due process of justice.

Dr. Iftekharuzzaman, Executive Director of TIB said in a statement released on December 2, 2018, "it is a matter of grave concern that the case remains pending a year and a half after the charge was framed. Advantage has been taken of this long delay in granting the bail to the accused under special consideration. Whereas according to the nature of the case the process of justice was due for completion within 180 days. Therefore, the question indeed remains

whether such delay and granting of bail is helpful for ensuring justice”.

Dr. Zaman also said, “we are particularly concerned that according to media source around the middle of this year the case for the court was changed and more recently immediately before the bail of the principal accused, the judge was changed. In such a reality it is natural to raise question about the commitment to ensure justice. The change of court followed by transfer of the judge and immediately thereafter the issuance of bail are all evidences of lack of commitment of the relevant authority to ensure justice”.

Calling for speedy and due completion of the process and for ensuring exemplary punishment, Dr. Zaman recalled that TIB had earlier demanded justice in this high profile and gruesome case. “It was in that context that TIB also engaged with the Government in a process leading to the recently approved first ever national Gold Policy, the main purpose of which is transparency and accountability in the ever expanding gold and jewellery business bedevilled by corruption and smuggling”, he said. “Any failure to ensure justice to one of the key actors of the sector in an unspeakable rape case will not only constitute injustice to the victims of a heinous crime but also grossly undermine the objective of the gold policy”, he added.

TIB called upon the EC and ACC to scrutinise the wealth statements of candidates ahead of 11th national election

TIB urged the Election Commission (EC) and Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) to scrutinize the wealth statements of the candidates keen to contest in the 11th national election and their family members properly, and take legal actions

if discrepancies or corruption evidence are found in their statements.

In a statement released on 3 December 2018, TIB Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman said, “candidates submit their respective income-expenditure or wealth statements to Election Commission along with nomination papers prior to each election, which is important to ensure their transparency as public representatives. According to various media reports, wealth of some of the candidates and their families have increased abnormally and manifold this year comparing to the wealth statement they had submitted during the previous election. It is important to find out whether they have amassed wealth in a legal manner.”

“EC should examine the wealth statements and verify the sources of wealth and should take necessary steps if there is any breach of law in amassing such wealth. Besides, ACC should also play its due role by inspecting the candidates' source of wealth and taking exemplary move against any kind of irregularities. ACC should perform their duty impartially and irrespective of the candidates' political identities”, he opined.

The authorities concerned should also look into the financial history of the family members of the candidates, said Iftekharuzzaman, adding, “It's very important to check whether there is an abnormal growth of wealth in the name of any candidate and his/her family members.”

Admiring the recent statement of the ACC chairman on scrutinising the wealth statement of the candidates as inspiring, Dr. Zaman said, “we believe that if any policy-maker finds to be involved in accumulating wealth illegally, he/she has no right to be a people representative.”

However, a coordinated effort should be taken by EC and ACC in this regard, he added.

TIB demanded immediate identification and punishment of the persons involved allegedly in spreading fabricated news

TIB expressed deep concern and demanded immediate identification and punishment of the persons linked with the government who allegedly spread fabricated news on social media platforms Tweeter and Facebook ahead of the general election. Earlier on December 20, both the social media authorities took down some 30 pages and accounts 'linked to individuals associated with the government' for spreading out rumours against the opposition.

TIB Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman said in a statement released on 24 December 2018, "both Facebook and Tweeter authorities had defined the act of spreading fabricated news against the political opponent and for the government to manipulate general people as illegal and abusing. They also claimed the account holders were patronised by the government."

"It was embarrassing and condemning that Facebook and Tweeter authorities had defined such type of activities as "coordinated inauthentic behaviour" and "coordinated platform manipulation" respectively. It is an example of abusing social media platforms under the patronisation of government and an ominous sign for development of objective mass media", he added.

Dr. Zaman said, "according to the several media reports, in spite of having concrete evidence, law enforcers raised questions about the position of Facebook authority saying whether it was politically motivated. So, it is now

uncertain whether the responsible persons would be brought under legal action. This incident raising the question about the fair election as the alleged persons are related with the state". Recalling the previous incidents of creating unrest in the country incited by social media abuse, Dr. Zaman added, "government must ensure and take actions to stop this kind of manipulative activities in future".

TIB demanded judicial probe over the reported violations during the 11th parliamentary election

TIB expressed deep concern over the 11th parliamentary election and its questionable and debatable results, as disputed happened with at least 19 dead and many more injured due to incidents of violence, use of force and violation of the code of conduct. TIB demanded judicial enquiry over the allegations reported in the mass media about the violation of Representation of People Order (RPO) in all over the country including Dhaka.

In a statement released on 31 December 2018, TIB Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman said, "Necessary steps should be taken based on the fair and impartial investigation into the allegations on multiple instances of violence and violation of the electoral code of conduct, which have made the 11th parliamentary election and its results questionable."

"From the very beginning, we demanded to ensure level playing ground for all the parties. However, news of attacks, repression and lawsuits intended to harass the candidates and their supporters of a contending alliance as reported by the national and international media is an ominous sign for democracy. Such harassment allegedly continued even the night before and day of the elections. The most

worrying fact is that people might lose their confidence in the system of democracy”, he added.

Dr. Zaman said, “the way the chief election commissioner tried to shrug off the allegations that the polling agents of an alliance could not come to the vote centre, is embarrassing and the concern has deepened whether the commission could effectively carry out its constitutional duty.”

He also said, “TIB thinks proper and immediate investigations is needed about the negative incidents like violation of RPO happened even in the capital in the name of lunchtime break. There is no way to ignore this as propaganda, the ways it was published in the local and international media reports with images. Besides, leaving the spot with box fill up with ballot papers before the voting starts, running short of ballot papers before casting votes of many voters, assaulting candidate in the vote centre.”

Dr. Zaman said, “We urge the government to initiate a judicial inquiry into all these allegations and the Election Commission’s shortcomings in ensuring a peaceful election. Ensuring justice through a judicial probe of the allegations will be of immense value for the credibility, self-confidence and public trust of a government that is being formed in the wake of an unprecedented outcome of an unprecedented election.”

TIB concerned over Election Commission's (ECs) inaction in addressing violation of electoral codes

TIB expressed grave concern over Election Commission's (ECs) inaction regarding rampant violation of electoral codes and attacks and

harassment on the opposition party candidates, contesting in the 11th general election. TIB also worried over the 'self-contradictory' stance of EC in barring live media streaming from election centres and use of cell-phone there. TIB urged the commission to take effective and visible measures in accordance with the country's constitution and play its due role with self-respect and courage to ensure a level-playing field and competitive environment for all political parties in the upcoming general polls.

TIB Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman said in a statement released on 18 December 2018, “news of various media regarding attacks and harassment on opposition candidates, barriers and repression in conducting electoral campaigns and filing of cases indicate that the commission has failed to address these issues. Opposition parties are not only being oppressed by the ruling party but also become victims of discrimination by law enforcement agencies”. Dr. Zaman added, “apart from making some empty promises, the Election Commission is yet to set an example of creating a level playing field, which is very embarrassing. On the other hand, we urge law enforcement agencies to play a neutral role in respecting their professional responsibilities”.

Criticizing the commission’s decision about not allowing media to live telecast and use mobile phones inside polling centres, Dr. Zaman said, “live broadcast was allowed in some previous polls. Ban on using mobile phones at the polling centres is a “sign of weakness” of the EC and a self-contradictory stance. People might think the decision was made to facilitate vote-rigging and violence during the polls”. TIB urged EC to formulate a guideline involving all stakeholders to ensure an independent and uninterrupted working environment for media personnel.

Active Mothers' Forum to be formed at all Govt. Primary Schools of Cumilla Sadar Upazila

Upazila Education Officer (UEO) Md. Delwar Hossain Majumder pledged to form Active Mothers Forum at all Govt. Primary Schools of Cumilla Adarsha Sadar Upazila in phases while he was addressing a meeting as chief guest. CCC, Cumilla organized this meeting with Cumilla Adarsha Sadar Upazila Authority on 18 December 2018 at the Office of Upazila Education Officer (UEO) aiming to improve primary education. UEO Md. Delwar Hossain Majumder emphasized on the cordial efforts



of Head Teachers and SMC for the improvement of Primary Education. He urged all the teachers to play an active role in improving education by ensuring on-time arrival and spending quality time in the classroom. He also suggested doing a social audit on the activities of the school with the participation of parents and CCC members.

In the meeting, CCC member Rokeya Begum shared the progress of Araiora Govt. Primary School as a result of CCC interventions. CCC's Education Sub-Committee Convener Principal Mominul Hoque Chowdhury pointed out that improvement of Araiora Govt. Primary Education has been made because of the combined efforts of teachers, parents, SMC, Active Mothers Forum, Education Authority and CCC. He urged that regular and effective monitoring by education authority will be continued. TIB's Program Manager Md. Humayun Kabir shared the process of formation of Active Mothers Forum at all schools of Chandpur District by the initiative of the District Primary Education Office.

CCC President Badrul Huda Jenu told that awareness of mass people on primary education will be increased like EPI program in the coming days. CCC Member Alhaji Shah Md. Alamgir Khan, Mohammad Anisur Rahman Akhand, Assistant Upazila Education Officer Md. Maniruzzaman, Khandoker Umme Salma, Lipika Rani Podder, Abu Sayed Chowdhury and TIB staff were present in the meeting among others.

Meeting with Health Authority for the Improvement of Health Services

CCC, Natore organized a meeting with Natore Adhunik Sadar Hospital Authority with the slogan *Together Against Corruption* at the office premises of Civil Surgeon Cum Superintendent. The meeting was presided over by CCC President Ranen Roy while Civil Surgeon Cum Superintendent of Natore Adhunik Sadar Hospital Dr. Md. Azizul Islam was present as Chief Guest.

In the meeting, Dr. Md. Azizul Islam pointed out that due to shortage of manpower sometimes treatment of service recipients by the doctors from other hospitals is required. In response to a question, he assured that with the support of District Administration and Police Department the hospital

will be free from brokers. Due to the shortage of women doctors, it is not possible to assign a female doctor at Labor Ward at night, he added. Civil Surgeon sought cooperation from the people's



representatives for taking effective initiatives to free the hospital from brokers and outsiders. He also shared that a Designated Officer is assigned for receiving health-related complaints which will contribute for the improvement of hospital services. Closed-circuit tv (CCTV) cameras will be set up soon with the support of District Administration and the Medical Representatives will meet the doctors twice in a week after 1.00 pm, he added.

CCC President Ranen Roy said, despite having improvement of hospitals services, we must work for further improvement and quality services. CCC Member Principal Md. Abdur Razzaque emphasized the need to take initiatives on the issue of manpower shortage. CCC's Health Sub-Committee Convener Dr.Obaidul Haque moderated the meeting while CCC Member Paritosh Kumar Adhikary, Md. Rafiqul Islam Nantu, Social Welfare Officer and Designated Officer Md. Amir Hossain, MT (Lab) Md. Shahidul Islam, Chief Assistant Shapna Thakur, Nursing Supervisor Most. NazmaKhatun, Area Manager of TIB Aminul Islam and Assistant Manager Md. Mukhlesur Rahman spoke in the meeting. In the meeting, CCC member Dr.Obaidul Haque reviewed the progress of the resolutions of the last meeting. Among others, CCC Vice-President Begum HamidaBanu, Pharmacist Md. Abdur Rahim, CCC Member BimanGobinda Sarker, Suman Chatterjee, Most. Jahanara Beauty, SWAJAN Coordinator Hafiza Khanom Jesmin, YES Team Leader Kawser Ahmed, the staff of the hospital and TIB were present in the meeting.

Meeting on Establishing Institutional Good Governance Including Climate Finance Projects

CCC, Rangpur organized a sharing meeting with Standing Committee on Relief and Disaster Management of Haragach Municipality to ensure overall transparency, accountability and improvement along with climate change project in Local government in Haragach, Rangpur on 23 December 2018. Mayor of Haragach Municipality Md. Hakibur Rahman presided over the meeting while Secretary Md. Abdur Razzak, Assistant Engineer Md. Mortuza Elahi and Councillors of different wards were present.

CCC Rangpur placed few recommendations which included enhancing participation of mass people by taking into account their opinions on municipality development projects, increasing free flow of information, introducing register book for collecting complaints and addressing them, effective participation of women in decision making process, increasing effectiveness of Standing Committees, increasing transparency, accountability and good governance at all works of municipality etc.



Municipal Authority acknowledged these recommendations and agreed to emphasize on addressing the issue with due importance. The Mayor shared that the authority has taken many initiatives to make Haragach Municipality gender friendly. He said, they are continuing their efforts to make a citizen-friendly municipality and hoped to make visible improvements. At the same time, he sought citizens' cooperation and suggestions to implement the initiatives taken by Haragach Municipality.

Among others, CCC's Vice-President Advocate AA M Munir Chowdhury, CCC Member Shamshad Begum, Professor Mohammad Shah Alam, Program Manager of TIB Md. Mojibur Rahman, Area Manager Md. Alamgir Kabir was present in the meeting.

Admission fair & Information Desk by YES Group-Uttara University



Uttara University, Dhaka organized an admission fair for spring semester 2019 from 6-15 December 2018 at their Law campus. YES, Group-Uttara University set up an Information Desk in this 10 days long admission fair to inform the admission seekers about the activities of a YES group and TIB. They displayed books and IEC materials of TIB's in the stall. Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Yesmin Ara Lekha and members from different faculties of Uttara University visited the YES Group stall and appreciated their initiative. A good number of admission seekers and their parents visited the admission fair as well as the TIB stall.

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