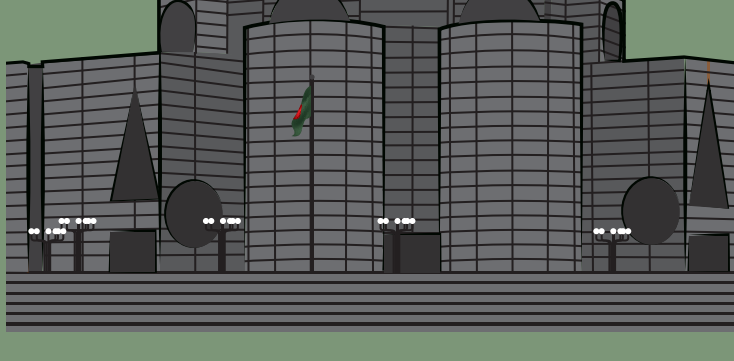


Policy Stance

MPs' Block Allocation TIB Demands Effective Mechanism to Ensure Transparency, Accountability

Dhaka, 20 February 2024: Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) has voiced concern over potential misuse of Tk 20 crore block allocation per constituency over five years for development projects as announced by the LGRD minister. According to the entity, past experiences have revealed compromised relationships between contractors and supervisory authorities, leading to corruption and squandering of public funds. So, TIB demands a transparent governance mechanism and scrutiny of previous projects before allocating new funds. Its recommendations also include a code of conduct to address the lawmakers' conflicts of interest.

[For details](#)



TIB Highlights Enacting Law to Stop Lawmakers' Abuse of Power

Dhaka, 4 February 2024: Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) has condemned abuse of power by the wife of an MP, who intervened to release her daughter, as she was arrested for fraudulence in a teacher recruitment exam in Bogura. TIB denounces it as a systemic issue, highlighting the normalisation of power abuse by public representatives and their families. The organisation demands exemplary punishment for all involved. It also calls for swift action to pass the Code of Conduct of the MPs Bill in the parliament to stop such abuse. Additionally, TIB emphasises the importance of reviewing and implementing laws to hold the MPs accountable for their actions outside the parliament.

[For details](#)

Fellowship

TIB Concludes II Fellowship 2023



Dhaka, 25 February 2024: Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) has concluded its six-month Anti-Corruption Investigative Journalism Fellowship 2023, awarding crests and certificates to the fellows in an event at its headquarters on 25th February. The initiative aims to empower journalists to expose corruption and ensure accountability, with a focus on grassroots



reporting. The award-winning investigative work included reports by Sharmin Akter Rima, Shahenoor Akther Urmi, and Sajibur Rahman, covering various corruption-related topics. TIB has reaffirmed its ongoing support for journalists and pledged mentorship initiatives to combat corruption and protect press freedom.

[For details](#)

Observance

TIB Pays Homage to Language Movement Martyrs

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) has observed the International Mother Language Day on 21st February, paying tribute to the 1952 Language Movement martyrs. Led by TIB Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman, its staff members participated in the

morning rally, emphasising the message 'Corruption is against the spirit of 21 February'. TIB's Committees for Concerned Citizens (CCCs) along with youth volunteer groups also paid homage nationwide on the day.

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CCC News

Curbing Corruption: CCC Convention Calls for Effective Institutions

Rangpur, 17 February 2024: A regional convention of Transparency International Bangladesh's (TIB) Committee of Concerned Citizens (CCC) was held in Rangpur on 16-17 February 2024. A total of 150 members of 12 CCCs from different districts and upazilas of Rangpur, Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions attended the event. It was held with the theme "Corruption, Poverty, Injustice: Citizens' Thought".

The CCC members emphasised political will, effectiveness of the institutions concerned, proper implementation of laws, practice of transparency and accountability, favourable environment for civic spaces, and prevention of money laundering to curb corruption.

TIB Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman was the key speaker at the CCC convention. President of CCC Rangpur Shashawta Kumar Bhattacharya, and TIB Civic Engagement Division Director Ferhana Ferdous also delivered speech at the opening session.

[For details](#)



Rangpur YES Camp Vows to Combat Corruption, Poverty



Rangpur, 19 February 2024: Over 200 youths gathered at a YES Camp of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) in Rangpur on 17-19 February 2024. The event was organised with the theme "Corruption, Poverty, Injustice: Thoughts of the Youth".

Members of 12 Youth Engagement and Support (YES) groups, under the supervision of Committee of Concerned Citizens (CCC) from different districts and upazilas of Rangpur, Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions, took part in the YES camp. The participants promised to combat corruption and poverty.

Discussions and speeches in the programme highlighted the role of young generation in fostering accountability and building a prosperous Bangladesh through promoting social changes.

[For details](#)

Gaibandha Citizens Unite to Drive Change

Gaibandha, 7 February 2024: A gathering, titled 'Role of Parents in Enhancing Transparency, Accountability, and Quality Education Services', was organised at Dariapur Qiamat Ullah Memorial Girls High School in Gaibandha Sadar upazila on 7 February 2024. It was a collaborative event between Gaibandha's Committee of Concerned Citizens (CCC), Representative Citizens Group (ACG), and the host school.

Representatives from various government and non-government institutions, along with local residents, students, and members of ACG, CCC, and Youth Engagement and Support (YES) groups, participated. Insights on enhancing education quality and promoting sincerity among stakeholders were shared in the programme.

[For details](#)



CCC Bagerhat Mobilises Community Action Against Corruption



Bagerhat, 28 February 2024: The Committee of Concerned Citizens (CCC) in Bagerhat organised a citizens gathering and campaign at Dakshin Khanpur Kalibari Bazar in Bagerhat Sadar on 28 February 2024. The event aimed to raise public awareness and foster collective resistance against corruption by uniting local community members from diverse backgrounds. Speakers highlighted the pervasive nature of corruption across public service sectors and emphasised the importance of unity in combating it.

[For details](#)

Information Fair in Lakshmipur Empowers Citizens with RTI Knowledge

Lakshmipur, 13 February 2024: The Committee of Concerned Citizens (CCC) in Lakshmipur, along with the local district administration, organised a daylong information fair at Lakshmipur Adarsha Samad Government High School on 13 February 2024. The event aimed to raise awareness about the Right to Information (RTI) Act 2009, which saw active participation from 35 government and private sector organisations.

The fair featured various programmes, including a rally, prize-giving ceremony, and cultural performances by CCC and Youth Engagement and Support (YES) members. Over 4,000 applications to various offices were submitted during the fair, while discussions on adolescent health awareness and government services were also held.

[For details](#)



Khulna Information Fair to Promote RTI Awareness



Khulna, 13 February 2024: The Committee of Concerned Citizens (CCC) Khulna, in collaboration with the district administration, organised a two-day information fair on 12-13 February 2024. A total of 27 institutions, including government and private entities, participated in the event, held on the United Nations Children's Park premises.

The fair aimed to promote awareness on the Right to Information (RTI) Act 2009 and foster its effective implementation, serving as a platform for exchanging knowledge and reinforcing the commitment to transparent governance.

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