

## Special News:

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## National

### Ensure transparency and accountability in the use of natural resource: 13 recommendations from TIB

“Corruption in land and water management is increasing and people are deprived of their rights. Syndicate of powerful person, public officials and politician are engaged in grabbing state owned land and rivers. Affect of climate change is visible in the country. Natural calamities like flood, storm, and drought increased enormously,” said Dr. Iftekharuzzaman, Executive Director of TIB.

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) human chain in front of the Jatya Press club followed by a press conference apart of the

observance of Global Earth Day entitled ‘Ensure transparency and accountability in the use of land, water and sustain biodiversity and protect life and living’ on 24 September. TIB put 13 recommendations through the press conference to establish transparency and accountability in managing all natural resources.



### Mass participation is required to effective implementation of RTI

The Right to Information (RTI) forum unfolded a report on the implementation of RTI Act, which says 90% people received information who applied to know though RTI. On the other hand 84.3% people who delivered information don't know about the Act and 84.1% thinks lack of proper outreach activity is the only reason for such situation. RTI forum rendered five suggestions to facilitate the law for mass people.

1. **Information Ready**
2. **Infrastructure of exchanging information**
3. **Mass awareness and demand creation on information**
4. **Application of RTI Act**
5. **Alternative way of information Collection**

integrated way will decline corruption of the country.” Establishment of more transparency and accountability will ensure more development of the country, said Abul Kalam Azad, Information Minister as Chief guest in a roundtable meeting on September 28 marking the Right to Know Day.

Chief Information Commissioner Ambassador (Rtd.) Mohammad Zamir thanked 500 NGOs for recruiting information officers. He explored that the Information Commission has taken initiative to endorse information of RTI Act in school level text books.

RTI Forum also organized a human chain on September 29 apart of the day observation. Members of Forum including TIB, Manusher Jonno

Foundation, Caost Trust, MRDI, D.Net, BRAC, students and professionals of different sectors joined the human chain.

Dr. Iftekharuzzaman, Executive Director TIB said from the human chain “Effective RTI will increase accountability and transparency in private and public sector establishing corruption free good governance in the country,” Marking the value of National Broadcasting Policy he added “The government should be careful in formulating the national broadcasting policy so that no collusion happens between the policy and the RTI and constitution.”

“If we can implement RTI Act in an

## CITIZENS ENGAGEMENT

### *Anti-corruption Bicycle Rally at Bogra*

A part of the awareness on anti-corruption YES group members organized a bicycle rally at Bogra on 29 September under the leadership of Bogra CCC. Rally started from Edward Park of the city and ended at the same place visiting Banani and Matidali of Bogra. Advocate Mir Iqbal, convener of Bogra CCC inaugurated the rally. Diverse group of people participated to that.



## DHAKA YES NEWS

### Study Circle on RTI Act-2009 at Sher-E-Bangla Agricultural University

The Sher-E-Bangla Agricultural University (SAU) YES group organized a study circle to aware YES members about the RTI Act on September 22, 2011. TIB officials conducted the session on RTI Act and YES members participated along with YES advisor and lecturer of SAU Mr. Md. Harun Ur Rashid. After having the session YES members realized that RTI Act has given a clear guideline on how to collect, preserve, maintain and provide information and it indicates that any

### *Dialogue in Rangamati & Khagrachori*

Two separate dialogue entitled 'Anti-corruption campaign in Bangladesh and responsibility of local authority' organized by Rangamati & Khagrachori CCC with the support of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) consecutively on September 19 & 20, 11. Conveners Nirupa Dewan and Bihari Khisha chaired the meeting. Dr. Iftekharuzzaman, Executive Director of TIB explained about the current working issues; local government council, education and health sector in those areas and mentioned the role of TIB to attain Right to Information Act, Anti-corruption Commission and Membership in the UN Anti-corruption convention in his speech.

"Awareness against anti-corruption should be increased to stop corruption," said Nikhil Kumar Chakma, Chairman of Rangamati Hill Tracts district council. He also urged TIB to work on vast sector.

Many government and NGO officials attended the dialogue along with political and civil society persons.

### *A way forward to ensure Good governance: Union Parishad Budget announced in front of locals*

A total amount of tk. 51, 78,447 budget for 2011-2012 fiscal year announced of the Boulai Union,sadar upazila, Kishorganj in front of its inhabitants. About 300 people were present in that programme. Chairman of Boulai Union Parishad Mr. Advocate Tofajjol Hossain Kader also disclosed the last fiscal year's expenditure report before the people. After reviewing that was approved by all. The chairman said that activities will be completed according to plan through ensuring transparency, good governance and accountability of the Union Parishad.

## DHAKA YES NEWS

### ***'Crushing the Corruption' at IBAIS University***

IBAIS University YES group organized 'Crushing the Corruption' game on September 10, 2011 at their campus to inspire and engage youths in anti-corruption activities. IBAIS YES advisor inaugurated the program by crushing corrupted symbolic figures. The event made a festive mood in the campus as well as among the students. IBAIS University teachers participated in the game and crushed corrupted figures, which was note worthy also inspired the students more. All the participants and viewers of 'Crushing the corruption' game

were cheerful and spirited in crushing bar of development of the country destroying symbolic corrupted figure. The game received wide appreciation from students, teachers and officials of IBAIS University and thanked Transparency International Bangladesh and YES group for organizing event.



### **'Shong Er Bidhan': A street drama staged by Dhaka YES Theatre**

Theatre group of Dhaka YES organized a street drama show titled 'Shong Er Bidhan' on September 28 to observe 'International Right to Know Day' at Rayer Bazar Martyred Intellectuals Monument premises. With the greater objective to make people aware about the health facilities, law enforcement, transportation and judiciary sector Dhaka YES Theatre group performed the drama show. About 200 women enjoyed the show out of total 500 viewers.







