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## "Effective management of water resources and ensure integrity and accountability to save life and livelihood."

TIB observed World Water Day on March 22 by holding a human chain in front of the National Press Club, Dhaka. Which carried the theme- "Water for Life and Livelihood: Ensure transparency and accountability for saving water resources of all rivers including Poshur." The human chain was jointly organised by six organizations and the organization are, Bangladesh Water Integrity Network (BAWIN), Save the Sundarbans, Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA), Bangladesh Water Partnership, NGO Forum and Center for Human Rights Movement.

TIB Executive Director said that lack of accountability and transparency in water management and aquatic resources conservation system has resulted in illegal possession of water bodies. The situation further worsened by emission of industrial wastage to the river endangering the sources of life and livelihoods.

In relation to this, to set up a coal-based power plant near the Poshur River at Rampal without any environmental impacts assessment and to use of Poshur River for transporting coal for power generation will create serious environmental hazards in those areas. As a result biodiversity and ecological balance of the Sundarbans will also be under threat.

He also called upon the government to shift the location of power station from Rampal to any other place for saving the Sundarbans, saving the water resources and making secure of people's life and livelihood.

## **TIB demands transparency, accountability and integrity in Climate Finance**

Executive Director of TIB welcomed the first ever International Parliamentary Meeting on challenges of climate finance held at Dhaka from March 14-16. In a statement he said, "this unique forum of public representatives should be

concerned about ensuring flow of funds for adaptation and mitigation and to be vigilant to ensure transparency, accountability in the use of funds.

## **Anti-corruption Folk Theatre Festival held**

To mark the 'World Theatre Day' TIB arranged Two-day folk festival from 27-28 March featuring indigenous theatre forms at the Mukto Mancha in Sohrawardi Udyan. The theme of this folk festival was "My culture, my existence, we want transparency and good governance."

Veteran theatre personality Ataur Rahman and eminent jatra artist Jotsna Biswas, Professor Afsar Ahmed of Jahanagir nagar University, President of Bangladesh Pathanatok Parisad Mannan Hira and TIB Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman were present.



Several groups from different parts of the country participated in the festival. They are Manabadhikar Natya Parishad, Kishoreganj; Manipuri Theatre, Kamolganj, Maulvibazar; Desh Opera, Dhaka; Mahadev Shongjatra Dol, Tangail; Marma Shilpi Gosthi, Bandarban and Dhaka YES Theatre Group. The festival delivered a message that corruption can be reduced through awareness and education, and folk

media can play a strong role to make them aware and educate in addition to entertainment.

## **TIB Members' Day held**

Members' Day was held on March 19 at the conference room of TIB. TIB Members discussed about ongoing activities of TIB and the overall situation of good governance, political stability

and the anti-corruption movement across the country. TIB member Dr Nuruddin presided while the Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman moderated the meeting.

## **Ensure effective participation of women to establish good governance in local government**

Speakers in a roundtable on March 7 underscored the need for effective participation of women representatives in the local government to ensure good governance.

The roundtable titled "Women representatives in establishing good governance at local level government: possibility, reality and the way forward" was organized by TIB to mark the International Women's Day.

Ms. Shagufta Yasmin Emily, MP, Whip, 9th Parliament attended the programme as the Chief Guest and Advocate Sultana Kamal, Chairperson, Board of Trustees of TIB presided over the discussion. Among others Ms. Nilofer Chowdhury Moni, MP;

Dr. Zarina Rahman Khan, Deputy Chief of Party-SDLG-ARD; Dr. Dilara Chowdhury, Prof. of North South University; Akramul Haq, Director of the National Institute of Local Government; female



Local Government Representatives and stakeholders of different levels shared their valuable opinion and experiences in the discussion.

## CCC NEWS

### IWD observed

On March 8 different CCC observed the International Womens Day 2012. In the CCC areas various events were organized which included rally, discussion meeting, anti-corruption oath taking, seminar, extempore speech, quiz, debate competition, solo acting, group acting, poem recitation, dance and music competition, anti-corruption theatre show and cultural event.

### Ensure integrity and accountability in managing water resources

Most of the CCCs observed the World Water Day 2012 on March 22 through various events including rally, human chain and discussion meeting. This year the theme was "Water is for Life and Livelihood: We want transparency and accountability to save water resources of all rivers including Poshur."

### Call for building nation in the spirit of the independent war

Different CCCs observed the independence day on March 26 with the theme '40 years of glorious independence: We want good governance and effective control of corruption'. Various events were organized to observe the day such as; rally, pay homage by laying floral wreath to the martyrs memorial, poem recitation etc.

### Anti-corruption youth gathering

CCC Kishoreganj organized an anti-corruption youth gathering and cultural event at old stadium in Kishoreganj on March 31 with this slogan "Invincible Youth Shall Surely Resist Corruption". Deputy Commissioner of Kishoreganj

Md. Siddiquir Rahman inaugurated the event. Hundreds of youth participated the event and also took an anti-corruption oath. Advocate Maya Bhoumik, CCC president, presided and conducted the oath taking.

### Secondary education: achievements, limitations and actions for way forward

A consultation meeting was held by the initiative of CCC Munshiganj on March 11, titled 'Secondary Education in Munshiganj Sadar Upazila: Achievements, limitations and actions for way forward'. District Secondary Education Officer Md. Shamsul Islam



Khan; Sadar Upazila Secondary Education Officer K.M. Alamgir and Head Master of K.K. Govt. High School Md. Ebadul Islam attended the meeting as guests. A total of 17 head teachers of different high schools, assistant Head teachers, Chairman of the SMC, CCC members and YES members took part in the meeting.

### Face the Public

On March 20, CCC Rajbari organized 'Face the Public' programme. Mayor and Councillors of Rajbari Municipality attended and answered the questions of the citizens. The programme was presided by the CCC president Prof. Sankar Chandra Sinha. Md. Tofazzal Hossain, Mayor and A.F.M. Shahjahan, Councillor of the Municipality also spoke.

Another 'Face the Public' programme was also held in Rangamati on March 25. The Mayor of the Municipality Saiful Islam Chowdhury presented achievements, failures and limitations of last year's plan to the audience. He promised to announce the next year development budget in presence of the residents of Rangamati Municipality.



## YES NEWS

### Satellite AI-Desk

On March 24 and 25 a Satellite AI-Desk was arranged at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). YES members from different groups of Dhaka YES assist to organize the programme. They helped the service recipients at DMCH to get

information related to their rights and responsibilities. More than 5000 leaflets were distributed among the patients and their attendants at the hospital and about 6750 people received advice and information from the AI-Desk.

### Training on effective communication

A daylong training on 'Effective Communication & Anti-corruption campaign' was held at Ruqayyah Hall for the YES members on March 15. After attending the training, participants learnt about the tools and techniques of effective communication,



advocacy framework and linkages with the theories of communication and its practical implications. Sajjad Hussein, Senior programme Manager of TIB facilitated the session.

### Independence Day observed

Different YES groups of Dhaka YES undertook a number of activities to observe the Independence Day 2012. Photography exhibition, film show on liberation war, anti-corruption oath taking, discussion and cultural programmes were the highlights of these events.

**Photography exhibition:** Members of East West University YES group organized a photo exhibition on 1971 Liberation war on March 13. A similar exhibition was organized by Stamford University YES group on March 25.

**Film show:** YES group of Begum Fozilatunnesa Mujib Hall arranged a film show on March 1, Films like Matir Moyna and Amar Bandhu Rashed were screened in the hall auditorium. Eminent film director Morshedul Islam was present and answered the question from the viewers after ending the show. YES group of Bangladesh Kuwait Maitree Hall screened Priotomeshu and Amar Bandhu Rashed on March 25. They also organized an anti corruption oath taking programme at Udayan High School on March 15. East West

University YES group screened Amar Bondhu Rashed on March 13 followed by a discussion with freedom fighters and a cultural programme. Free-



dom fighter Taher Ahmed, A.K.M Joynal Abedin and the Vice chancellor of East West University Ahmed Shafi imparted the discussion session. The YES group of Stamford University screened the same movie on March 25.