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CAG needs to be autonomous: TIB

The separation of the Controller General of Accounts office (CGA) from the Office of Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), without amending the constitution, has allowed only the Ministry of Finance to give instructions to the CGA office, leading to a lack of transparency & accountability of CGA activities. TIB placed some specific recommendations to overcome the limitations of a study "Challenge of Good Governance at CGA Office and the Way Out". Dipu Roy, one of the researchers of TIB, presented the summary of the study findings at a roundtable at CIRDP auditorium where and Dr. Iftekharuzzaman, the Executive Director of TIB moderated the session.

Advocate Sultana Kamal, Chairperson of the TIB's Board of Trustees, presided and Finance Minister AMA Muhith was present as chief guest. The Finance Minister agreed with the findings of the study and made recommendations to follow the accrual method. Ahmed Ataul Hakim, CAG as a special guest urged for the enactment of an audit law as soon as possible.

Some of the recommendations included: enact a code of conduct for the employees of CGA, ensure punishment against proven acts of corruption, appoint an ombudsman to ensure that the allegations of corruption against any employee can be accounted for, reveal assets of staff and employee, introduce accrual method gradually, redesign existing organogram, improve professional skills, and strengthen monitoring systems.

TIB concerned over the attack on Limon by Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) source

TIB was deeply concerned over the attack on Limon Hossain by a RAB source and demanded exemplary punishment against those responsible for this attack. TIB also expressed concern over Rajapur Police's final report which acquitted the RAB members for any involvement on Limon's attack, terming it an example of the law enforcing agency's shameless failure and abuse of power.

Limon, a college student of Jhalokathi was shot in the leg by RAB on March 23, 2011. TIB demanded a neutral and credible judicial probe into the whole incident. TIB also requested Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to intervene personally for ensuring security of Limon and his family, along with paying compensation.

The Executive Director of TIB Dr. Iftekharuzzaman said, "The way law enforcing agency members destroyed Limon's career shocked the public. A drama is being staged to save the main culprits, which is a big threat to democratic practice and the rule of law."

TIB demands independent investigation into the allegations of embezzlement of thousand crore taka through Sonali Bank

TIB expressed concern over the embezzlement of thousands of crore taka through Sonali Bank and demanded exemplary punishment through an independent, impartial and influence-free investigation.

On August 30, Dr. Iftekharuzzaman, Executive Director of TIB in a statement said, "such incident involving state-owned commercial bank reflects a poor financial monitoring and management system that allowed misuse of funds in connivance with politically-influential persons, which is an alarming sign of state capture by the corrupt."

The conflicting positions of Bangladesh Bank and the Finance Minister created confusion in public minds regarding government's ability to conduct a proper investigation, and will also contribute in slowing the whole banking and financial sector reeling under absence of any accountability and good governance.



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Seminar on the improvement of the quality of Primary Education

A seminar on “our role in improving the quality of Primary Education” was held in Savar Upazilla Parishad auditorium organized by CCC Savar on August 5. The President of CCC chaired the seminar

and Mr. Kabir Hossain Sardar, Upazilla Nirbahi Officer Savar, was present as chief guest. Member of the advisory committee of TIB’s Board of trustees Md Jainal Abedin was also present. Khandokar M. Hamid (Ranju), vice-president of Savar CCC, presented the key-note of the seminar.



Mr. Kabir Hossain urged all to organize mothers’ gathering events regularly in all schools so that they can contribute to their children’s development. Mr. Joyanal Abedin Khan said, “When we all work together, it will be possible to do better than Shivram School.” More than 150 participants joined which also included government primary schools’ head teachers and the presidents of all SMC’s.

Opinion sharing meeting held

CCC Rangpur organized an opinion sharing meeting on “Services of Rangpur Medical College and Hospital: our Expectations and Achievements” on August 13. The broader objective of this programme was to establish a strong relationship between service providers and service recipients and to create opportunities to ensure accountability of hospital authorities. Participants identified many problems in service delivery and provided recommendations to resolve those.



Dr. Md. Golam Mostofa, Director in charge of Rangpur Medical Hospital and Prof. Dr. Abdur Rouf, Principal of Rangpur Medical College and Hospital were present.

Another Opinion Sharing Meeting was held on 11 August with the Barguna General Hospital authority organized by CCC Barguna. Civil Surgeon Dr. A H M Johirul Islam attended the event as the chief guest. The CCC President of Barguna Advocate Md. Anisur Rahman presided, While CCC member Mr. Shukronjon Shil delivered the welcome speech. Besides, Resident Medical Officer Dr. M A Mannan, Dr. Kamrul Islam, CCC members and officials of the hospital were also participated.

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Human chain held

CCC Bharamanbaria organized a human chain in front of Bharamanbaria press club focusing on the issues of use of formalin in food items, bad traffic and lack of road construction in Rangamati, and asked TCB to play a more proactive role in controlling price hikes and more actions by local administration to stop crime and drug abuse. CCC president Prof. Md. Shofiqul Bari highlighted the main features of the protest. More than 150 participants were present.



Opinion sharing meeting held



An opinion sharing meeting was held on August 7 between Upazilla Primary Education Authorities and CCC Barisal in Primary Education office. Upazilla Primary Education Officer (in charge) Mustafa Masud chaired the meeting. President of CCC sub-committee on Education, Mr. Gazi Zahid Hossain, SWAJON coordinator Jibon Krishno Dey and Upazilla Assistant Primary Education Officer Md. Abul Kalam Azad were also present. In the meeting, many issues were identified and discussed to improve the quality of primary education. The speakers urged

all to work together for improving the situation of quality education in primary schools.

YES News

Study circle to stop cyber crime against women

YES group of IBAIS University organized a study circle titled 'prevention of cyber crime against women' on August 19 at its Dhanmondi campus. YES member Md. Moinul Islam Ayon presented a paper highlighting issues such as sexual harassment against women, blackmailing and the business of internet pornography. The participants also discussed the negative impacts of internet use by young people, affecting women. Chairperson of English Department Farjana Parveen, lecturer Nazmun Nahar, YES advisers M. Azizur Rahman and Afroza Aktar Tina and the teachers and students of the different department participated.

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