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## Policy Brief

### Transforming Education Through Monitoring and Action

TIB's policy brief under the PACTA project is turning evidence into action. Drawing on monitoring from 108 secondary schools across 45 regions, CCCs, YES, and ACGs identified 681 critical issues, including teacher shortages, irregular attendance, weak infrastructure, poor cleanliness, and lack of disability-friendly facilities. The brief outlined practical solutions, from merit-based recruitment and regular supervision to public school information, functional grievance systems, and active community participation. Citizen groups are putting these recommendations into practice, engaging school authorities, demanding better teaching and facilities, and strengthening accountability, helping schools become more transparent, responsive, and corruption-free.

Good Governance in Secondary Schools  
Recommendations Based on  
Community Monitoring Data



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## Law Review

### Proposed Personal Data Protection Ordinance 2025: TIB's Review and Recommendations

TIB has reviewed the draft Personal Data Protection Act, 2025 and offered clear, evidence-based recommendations to strengthen the law. Drawing on global best practices and local realities, TIB highlights measures to secure personal information, ensure responsible use, and prevent misuse by authorities or private actors. These recommendations aim to build a legal framework where citizen's data is protected, accountability is clear, and transparency in public and private data handling is guaranteed, supporting a digital environment that is both safe and trustworthy.

Personal Data Protection  
Ordinance 2025

National Data Management  
Ordinance 2025

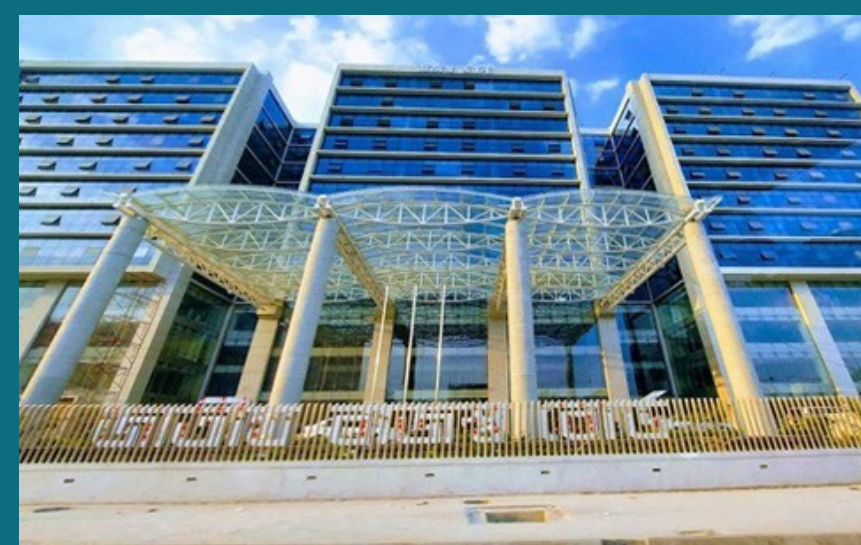


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## Position Paper

### TIB Highlights Gaps and Solutions in NBR Reform Draft

TIB reviewed the draft NBR reform report and identified critical gaps in accountability, integrity, and anti-corruption mechanisms. TIB recommends specialized units for automation, data analytics, and high-level corruption investigations, legal reforms to disclose ultimate company owners, stricter monitoring of financial flows, and citizen-focused tools such as charters and helplines. Implementing these measures will strengthen transparency, curb tax evasion and illicit financial outflows, and transform NBR into a robust, accountable institution that safeguards public resources and ensures ethical governance.



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## Concept Note

Independent  
Information Commission  
Must Be Formed  
Immediately



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### TIB Demands Immediate Formation of Information Commission

On International RTI Day 2025, TIB condemned the government's delay in forming an independent Information Commission, which blocks citizen's access to crucial information. TIB urged immediate appointment of impartial commissioners, modernization of the RTI Act, proactive disclosure by government, political parties and private institutions, expanded digital access, and citizen empowerment including marginalized groups. These steps are vital to strengthen transparency, accountability, and citizen oversight in Bangladesh. To highlight these demands and raise public awareness, TIB marked the day with workshops, fairs, quizzes, rallies and a comic series.

## Press Statement

### TIB Calls for Immediate Withdrawal of Luxury Car Plan for Future Ministers

TIB has condemned the interim government's plan to buy overpriced luxury cars for future ministers, calling it wasteful, sycophantic, and against public interest. Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman stressed that ministers already have legal entitlement to government cars, questioned the misuse of public funds, and urged the government to halt the proposal. TIB called for accountability, stronger oversight, and prudent use of state resources to prevent favoritism and reinforce good governance.



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### TIB Urges Bangladesh to Take a Strong Stand Against Fossil Fuel Lobby at COP-30

TIB urges Bangladesh's COP-30 delegates to resist fossil fuel lobby interference, uphold national interest, and ensure transparent, fair climate negotiations. TIB calls for active engagement with global partners to block unethical influence, promote renewable energy, and advance coal phase-out, ensuring that Bangladesh's climate decisions remain transparent, accountable, and aligned with sustainable energy goals.



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### TIB Criticizes Oversized UNGA Delegation

TIB criticizes the interim government for sending over a hundred representatives to the 80th UN General Assembly, repeating wasteful practices of past regimes. TIB urges accountability, efficient use of taxpayer funds, and meaningful participation to strengthen Bangladesh's credibility and set a precedent for responsible international representation.



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### Violence Against Innocent Indigenous People in Khagrachhari



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### TIB Demands Justice and Accountability for Violence Against Indigenous Communities

TIB condemned the violence against indigenous communities seeking justice for a 12-year-old rape victim, demanding immediate judicial action and exemplary punishment. TIB called on the army and authorities to act decisively, hold instigators accountable, and restore safety, justice, and lasting peace in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

## Event

### TI Chair Visits Bangladesh to Strengthen Anti-Corruption Reforms

TIB hosted TI Chair Dr. François Valérian during his visit to Bangladesh to elevate citizen voices and reinforce the call for systemic anti-corruption reforms. Through engagements with grassroots leaders, youth, and state institutions, the visit advanced TIB's goal of promoting transparency, accountability, and asset recovery, while strengthening the connection between local action and global integrity efforts in building a reformed Bangladesh.

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### Scouts Take a Stand Against Corruption with TIB

At Scout Fest 2025, TIB joined 300 Scouts in a vibrant call for integrity, linking youth values of service and courage to the fight against corruption. Through rallies, placards, and anti-corruption oaths, TIB empowered young leaders to take action, reinforcing its mission to build a generation committed to transparency, accountability, and positive change.

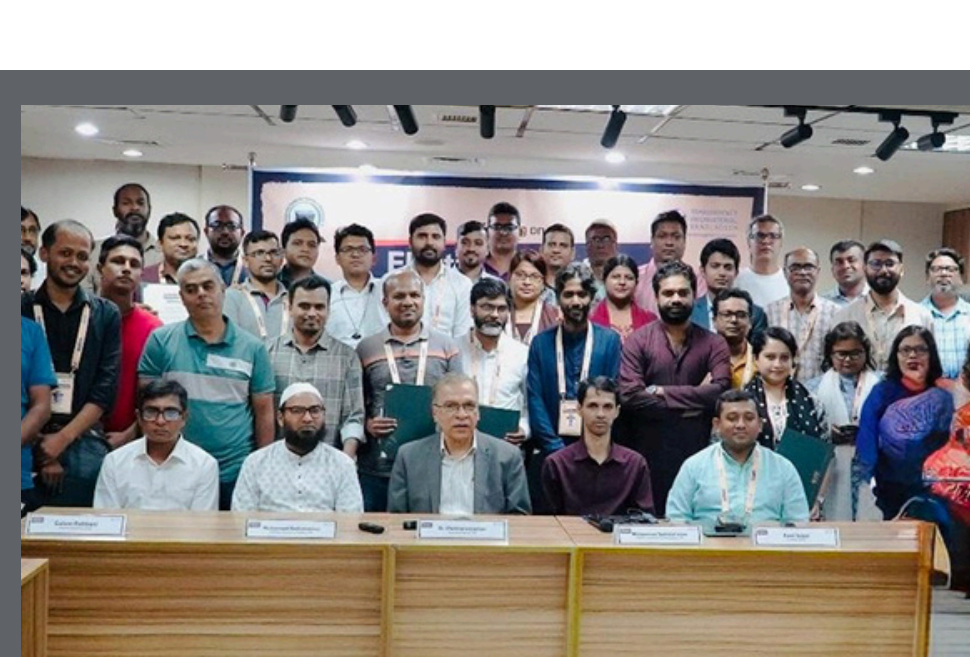
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### TIB Equips 40 Journalists to Safeguard Fair Elections

TIB trained 40 journalists in election reporting, data analysis, and monitoring tools, empowering them to uncover irregularities and report with integrity. By strengthening media oversight, TIB ensures transparent elections, boosts public trust, and advances Bangladesh's fight against corruption.

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## CCC News

### CCCs Lead Nationwide Campaign for Right to Information

Committees of Concerned Citizens (CCC) and Youth Engagement and Support groups (YES) marked International Right to Know Day with nationwide campaigns, guiding citizens on using the Right to Information Act and organizing discussions and awareness activities. These efforts empowered communities across Bangladesh to demand information, challenge corruption, and strengthen participatory governance.



### CCCs Strengthening Institutional Integrity and Accountability

CCCs in Chattogram, Munshiganj, and Gazipur united officials from government and private sectors to tackle corruption and strengthen institutional integrity. Through actionable plans tied to SDG 16, they committed to transparent, fair, and accountable service delivery, creating measurable impact for communities nationwide.

### CCC Nilphamari Strengthens Oversight of Education Projects

Based on YES member's monitoring, CCC Nilphamari presented six key recommendations, prompting the District Education Department to pledge visible information boards at all e-tender sites, timely project completion, careful budget scrutiny, effective grievance redress, and quality assurance before final payments, strengthening accountability and supporting more transparent, high-quality public projects.



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