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Law Review

TIB Flags Risks in Proposed National Data Management Ordinance

TIB has highlighted that the proposed National Data Management Ordinance, 2025, may undermine citizen's rights and transparency by allowing excessive state control over personal and official data and weakening independent oversight. TIB urges halting the draft, establishing an autonomous regulator, clarifying data categories, ensuring privacy protections, and testing through pilot projects. These measures aim to protect rights, promote accountable data governance, and prevent misuse.



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Research

Citizens Drive Positive Change in Primary Schools

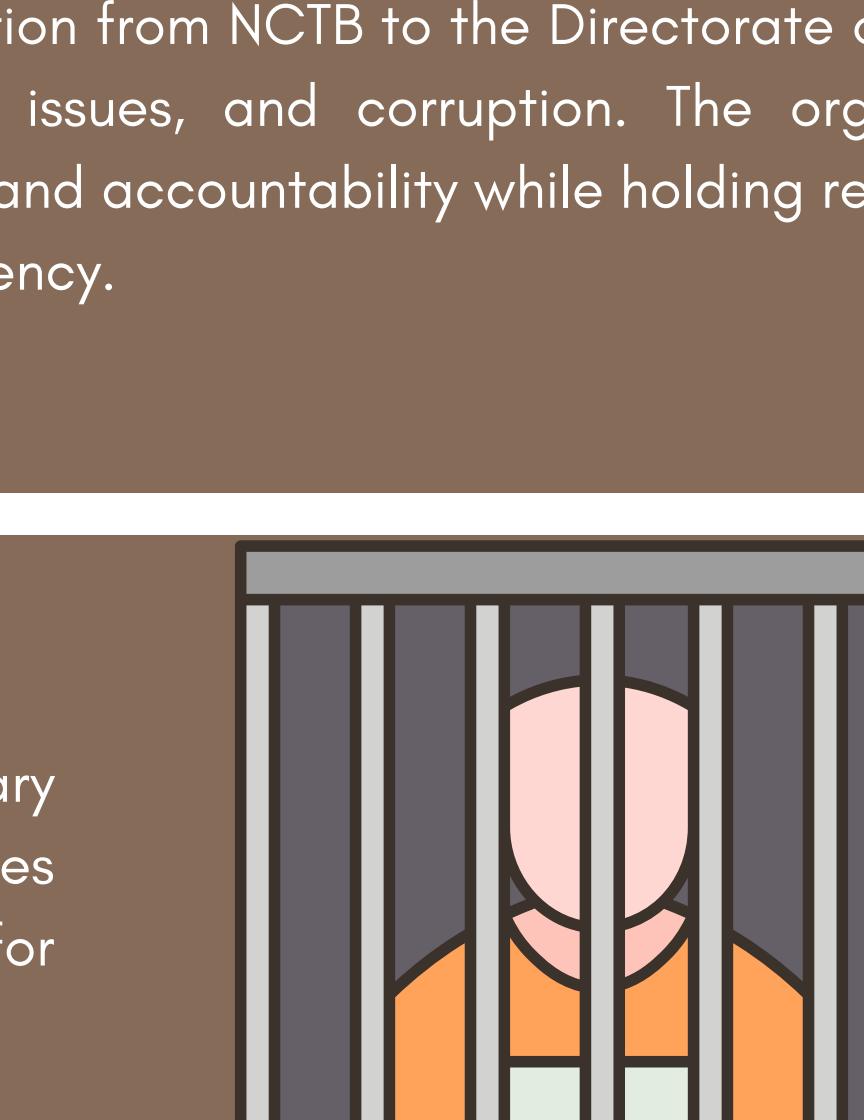
Under TIB's PACTA project, local citizen monitors assessed 130 government primary schools, identifying issues in infrastructure, staffing, cleanliness, and oversight. Their efforts improved attendance, hygiene, and management. Key recommendations such as repairing classrooms, hiring teachers, ensuring accessible facilities, strengthening school committees, and maintaining transparent budgets are guiding ongoing reforms, showing how citizen engagement creates tangible impact in education.



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TIB Empowers Citizens to Improve Land Services

TIB mobilized local citizens through its PACTA project to monitor 46 Upazila Land Offices, identifying 271 gaps including staff shortages, poor infrastructure, corruption, and limited access for women and persons with disabilities. Community oversight led to 17 percent of issues being addressed, from minor repairs to updated information boards and functional complaint systems. Guided by TIB's recommendations on staffing, digitization, infrastructure, and grievance handling, these actions are improving transparency, accountability, and service quality for citizens.



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Press Statement

TIB Ensures Correction of Misreported CPI Ranking on Bangladesh

TIB clarified a Financial Times report that wrongly claimed Bangladesh ranked lowest in the Corruption Perceptions Index for five years under the BNP. After providing verified data, the newspaper amended the report, and TIB welcomed the correction, which accurately reflects that Bangladesh first ranked at the bottom in 2001 under the Awami League and remained there for the next four years under the BNP-led government.

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TIB Urges Halt to Rushed Data Ordinances, Calls for Inclusive Reform

TIB has raised concerns over the hurried approval of the Personal Data Protection Ordinance 2025 and the National Data Governance Ordinance 2025 without expert consultation or stakeholder engagement. The organization warned that weak safeguards, broad exemptions, and unchecked access to personal data could undermine privacy and enable misuse. TIB urged the government to pause implementation and adopt inclusive, expert-led reforms to ensure rights-based and effective data governance.



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TIB Calls for NCTB Autonomy and Good Governance Over Textbook Management

TIB warned that shifting textbook printing and distribution from NCTB to the Directorate of Primary Education will not fix longstanding delays, quality issues, and corruption. The organization emphasized ensuring NCTB's autonomy, transparency, and accountability while holding responsible parties accountable to improve governance and efficiency.

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