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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

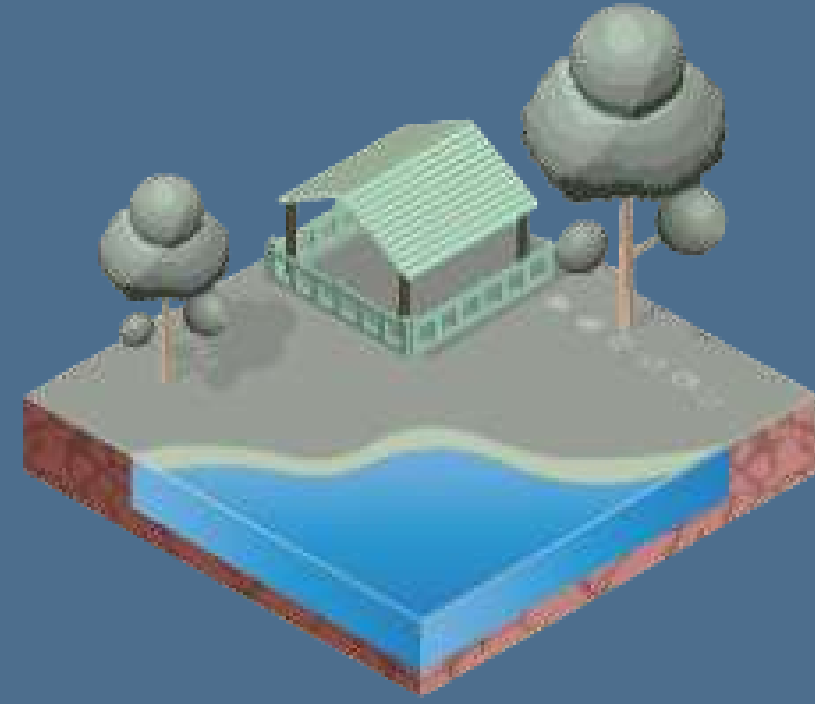
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Citizens Drive Positive Change in Primary Schools

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.

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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TIB Demands Equal Justice for All Accused of Crimes Against Humanity

TIB urged the government to ensure that all accused of crimes against humanity, including military officers, face the same legal process. Treating some differently in cantonments undermines justice, transparency, and public trust. TIB emphasized that accountability must be consistent for all, reinforcing the rule of law and delivering justice to victims without discrimination.

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TIB Raises Alarm Over Omitted Key Recommendations in Draft ACC Ordinance 2025

TIB warns that the draft ACC Ordinance Amendment 2025 undermines meaningful reform by ignoring critical recommendations of the ACC Reform Commission. The omission of transparent commissioner selection, independent performance review, and strong governance safeguards risks leaving the ACC politicized, ineffective, and incapable of restoring public trust. TIB urges urgent action to ensure the ordinance empowers a truly independent and accountable anti-corruption body.

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Event

TIB Leads Expert Consultation to Cut Food Waste and Reduce Landfill Emissions

TIB organized an expert consultation to tackle Bangladesh's 14.1 million tonnes of annual household food waste, a major driver of climate change and food insecurity. Experts recommended better governance, public awareness, recovery facilities, and regulations. TIB stressed that reducing waste can cut emissions, save resources, and feed communities, calling for collective, sustainable action.

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From Data to Impact: Strengthening Anti-Corruption Efforts

TIB hosted seven TI chapters in Dhaka to transform citizen experiences into actionable data, equipping participants with survey, analysis, and visualization tools. The workshop strengthened regional collaboration, enhanced evidence-based advocacy, and set the stage for more credible corruption reporting, enabling policymakers to take informed, impactful anti-corruption measures.

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CCC Drives Collective Action for Good Governance and SDG 16

The Committee of Concerned Citizens (CCC), with district administration support, held workshops in Barishal and Kurigram to promote good governance and SDG 16. Over 100 officials and civil society members discussed transparency, anti-corruption measures, and citizen-focused service delivery, developing action plans to tackle governance gaps. CCC emphasized collective action, accountability, and institutional collaboration as key to achieving SDGs and ensuring integrity in public services.

CCC Engages Parents to Strengthen School Education in Jhenaidah

CCC, Jhenaidah, held a Parent's Gathering and Public Hearing at 148 No. Char Khajura Government Primary School to ensure parent's voices shape education. Parents raised key needs including better school buildings, toilets, playgrounds, and seating while officials promised action. Discussions also highlighted teacher parent communication, student progress, attendance, health, and preventing child marriage, showing CCC's role in driving accountability and improving learning outcomes.



Hospital Authorities in Sunamganj Commit to Patient-Friendly Services

CCC, Sunamganj, held an advocacy meeting with hospital authorities where the Superintendent of Sunamganj 250 Bedded District Hospital committed to stopping patient harassment and removing brokers. He agreed to improve service transparency, activate complaint mechanisms, ensure staff presence, and strengthen cleanliness and grievance redress, marking a concrete step toward more accountable and patient friendly public health services.



CCC Advocates for Transparent and Efficient Land Services in Muktagachha

CCC Muktagachha held an advocacy meeting with the Upazila Land Authority, resulting in a pledge to ensure good governance, a broker-free land service center, fair and timely services, proper fee collection, complaint mechanisms, and equal treatment for all. Cleanliness, signage, and anti-smoking measures were also prioritized for action.



Citizens Pledge Collective Action Against Corruption in Gaibandha

CCC, with YES and ACG members, brought together around 200 citizens in Gaibandha to take an anti-corruption oath. Participants committed to ensuring transparency, accountability, and better service delivery in education, health, land, and other local institutions, strengthening the grassroots fight for a corruption-free society.



YES Group Empowers Students on Right to Information and Anti-Corruption

YES Group of Dhaka University and Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University organized interactive orientations and quizzes on the Right to Information Act, 2009 for over 200 students. The sessions taught how students can use RTI to access information, promote transparency, and play an active role in their communities. Each event concluded with an anti-corruption oath, inspiring youth to uphold integrity and accountability.



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