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Research

Inclusion of Indigenous People in the Social Security Programmes: Governance Challenges and Way Forward

TIB released a research report titled "Inclusion of Indigenous Communities in Social Safety Net Programs: Governance Challenges and Ways Forward" to highlight systemic exclusion and corruption within state support systems. The study reveals that legal gaps and "pay to access" cultures leave indigenous populations in the Hill Tracts and plainlands vulnerable to poverty. To ensure guaranteed rights, TIB calls for an urgent overhaul of the framework through mandatory indigenous representation in selection committees and offline application options for remote areas.



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Generating Power from Renewable Energy in Bangladesh: Governance Challenges and Way Forward

TIB released a research report titled "Generating Power from Renewable Energy in Bangladesh: Governance Challenges and Way Forward" to highlight structural barriers and integrity risks in the clean energy sector. The study reveals how inconsistent policies and lack of transparency in project approvals undermine national climate targets. To secure long term energy security, TIB calls for competitive bidding, streamlined regulations, and a clear roadmap to reduce dependency on fossil fuels and establish an accountable energy framework.



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E-Waste Management in Bangladesh: Governance Challenges and Way Forward

TIB released a research report titled "E-Waste Management in Bangladesh: Governance Challenges and Way Forward" to address environmental and health risks from unregulated electronic waste. The study identifies critical gaps, including a lack of formal recycling infrastructure and a culture of "pay to ignore" regarding toxic waste handling. To foster a circular economy, TIB calls for the strict enforcement of the E-Waste Management Rules 2021 and the implementation of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) to hold manufacturers accountable and ensure safe disposal practices.



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Good Governance in Government Secondary Schools: Data-Driven Analysis & Recommendations from Community Monitoring

TIB released a research report titled "Governance in Secondary Schools: Analysis and Recommendations from Community Monitoring" to address systemic irregularities and management gaps in education. Based on data from the PACTA app and ACG monitoring, the study identifies critical challenges such as lack of transparency in teacher recruitment and unauthorized financial collections. To ensure a transparent and inclusive system, TIB calls for the mandatory implementation of digital monitoring, regular social audits, and increased accountability for School Management Committees (SMCs).



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Policy Brief

TIB Proposes Reforms for 13th Parliamentary Election Manifestos

TIB released a policy brief titled "Towards an Inclusive, Accountable, and Corruption-Free Bangladesh" to urge political parties to commit to essential democratic and institutional reforms. The brief identifies critical priorities, including ensuring the independence of the Anti-Corruption Commission, judicial accountability, and the protection of press freedom. By calling for time-bound anti-corruption pledges in election manifestos, TIB aims to transform the upcoming elections into a turning point for transparency in public procurement, climate finance, and inclusive governance for all citizens.



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Concept Note

Invincible youth against corruption, together, now!

TIB's concept note, "International Anti-Corruption Day 2025: Youth Resistance Against Corruption, Together, Now," marks a strategic shift toward empowering the next generation as primary drivers of institutional integrity. The document emphasizes that sustainable progress requires youth-led advocacy and innovation in areas like digital automation and merit-based recruitment. By calling for state institutions to guarantee a safe environment for youth movements, TIB aims to transform collective resistance into a vibrant, inclusive force for establishing an accountable and transparent Bangladesh.



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Press Statement

TIB Condemns Bureaucratic Capture of National Human Rights Commission Ordinance

TIB condemned the 2025 National Human Rights Commission Ordinance amendments as a "conspiratorial" move that surrenders the body to bureaucratic control. By unilaterally inserting the Cabinet Secretary into the Selection Committee and weakening enforcement powers, the government has compromised the commission's independence. Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman warned that these changes destroy the watchdog's impartiality, leading TIB to demand an immediate repeal to protect the integrity of the human rights reform process.



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The Police Commission Ordinance is an Eyewash at Best

TIB has denounced the Police Commission Ordinance 2025, warning that it betrays the reform aspirations of the July movement by cementing Ministry of Home Affairs control over the police. Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman criticized the mandatory inclusion of retired bureaucrats and police in leadership, citing significant conflicts of interest and a lack of administrative autonomy. TIB argues that without radical revisions to remove government influence, the commission will legitimize misconduct rather than ensuring accountability or restoring public trust.



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TIB Condemns Killing of Uprising Icon and Attacks on Media Freedom

TIB has strongly condemned the targeted killing of July uprising icon Sharif Osman bin Hadi and the escalating attacks on media houses and dissenting voices. Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman criticized the government's failure to arrest perpetrators, noting that such incompetence expands the space for violence and "anti-reform" forces. TIB warns that the systematic suppression of free thought and the submissive stance toward attackers endanger the core values of the July movement, demanding immediate accountability and measures to protect media security and citizen rights.



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TIB Members Call for Effective Democracy and State Reform Through Fair Elections

TIB members have urged a "Yes" vote in the upcoming referendum to ensure essential state reforms and a fair 13th National Parliamentary Election. At their annual meeting, members called on political parties to adopt the "July Charter" while condemning recent ordinances for the ACC, Police, and Human Rights Commissions as "betrayals" that prioritize bureaucratic control. The declaration further demanded urgent action against money laundering, the creation of an independent banking commission, and immediate measures to halt escalating attacks on media freedom, cultural institutions, and women's safety.



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Event

TIB-led Training Drives Actionable Judicial Oversight for Environmental Justice

TIB partnered with the Supreme Court and the Ministry of Law to bridge the gap between environmental legislation and its enforcement. By equipping 25 judges with innovative climate litigation tools and global precedents, the initiative addressed regulatory complexities surrounding industrial pollution and deforestation. This strategic intervention strengthens judicial oversight, ensuring the legal system can effectively hold polluters accountable and protect climate-displaced communities.



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TIB Challenges Surveillance Trends and Honors Investigative Excellence on IACD 2025

On International Anti-Corruption Day 2025, TIB challenged structural rot in the media sector, advocating for an independent Media Commission to counter bureaucratic control and restrictive ordinances. To drive tangible impact, TIB presented the 2025 Investigative Journalism Awards to five reporters whose work uncovered deep-seated corruption, from infrastructure fraud to the theft of public resources. This initiative reinforces TIB's commitment to empowering fearless journalism as a vital partner for public accountability and a defense against kleptocratic resurgence.



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TIB-ERF Use Data to Track Procurement Corruption

TIB and the Economic Reporters Forum (ERF) launched a technical partnership to train 40 journalists in advanced data analysis and "red flag" identification within public procurement. The program equipped reporters with the skills to decode complex datasets, detect collusion, and expose the misuse of taxpayer funds. By turning government data into evidence-based reporting, this collaboration strengthens the media's role as a financial watchdog and ensures rigorous oversight of public spending.



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TIB Uses Satire to Spotlight Corruption through Cartoons

TIB's 20th Anti-Corruption Cartoon Competition mobilized nearly 200 young artists to use artistic satire as a tool for human rights advocacy. Centered on the theme "Corruption & Human Rights," the initiative visually decoded the link between administrative graft and the erosion of citizen protections. By showcasing 59 selected works at Dhaka University and online, TIB empowered youth to lead a national narrative that frames anti-corruption as an essential requirement for safeguarding human dignity and social justice.



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TIB Enables Women Journalists with Safety and Reporting Tools for National Elections

TIB launched a specialized "Election Reporting and Safety" training for 40 women journalists to address professional risks and gender-based violence in the political landscape. Moving beyond theory, the program provided actionable survival strategies and technical skills to track election processes while navigating digital threats and mob violence. This intervention ensures women journalists can lead evidence-based coverage and uphold democratic accountability without being silenced by harassment or structural bias.



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CCC News

CCC and YES Groups Drive Nationwide Demand for July Charter Reforms

A network of 45 Committees of Concerned Citizens (CCC) and youth groups mobilized thousands on International Anti-Corruption Day 2025 to demand immediate state reforms. Through rallies and public hearings, these groups delivered a 12-point roadmap to local authorities, localizing the anti-corruption movement. The recommendations call for the implementation of the "July Charter," an end to political interference in recruitment, and the mandatory use of the Common Reporting Standard (CRS) to block illicit money flows and ensure institutional accountability.



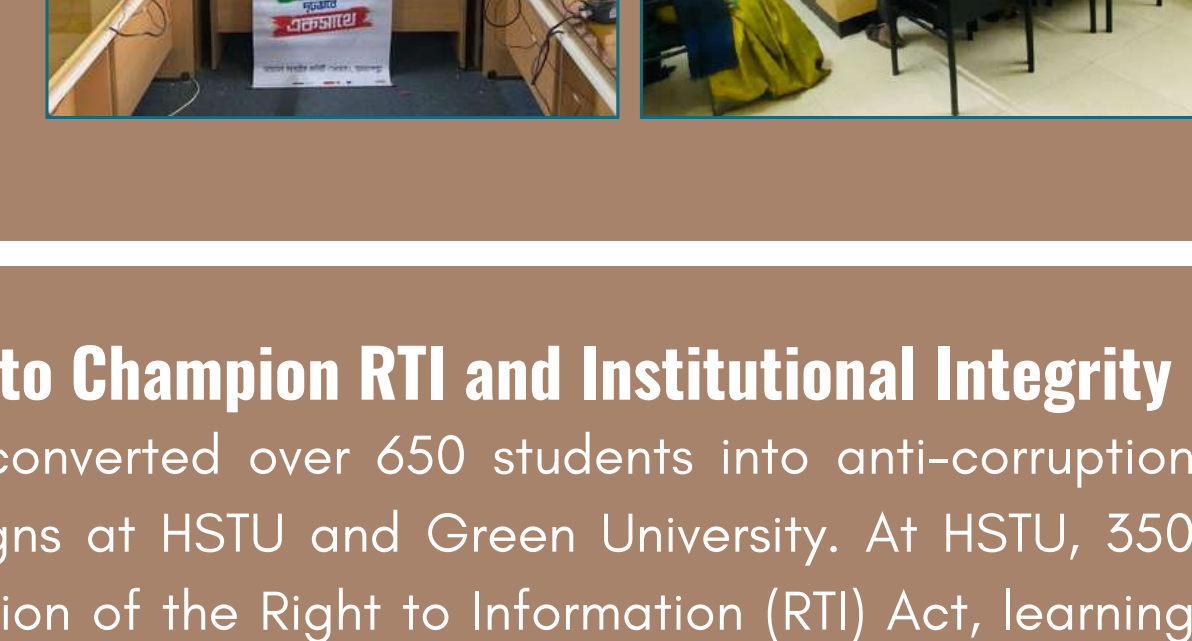
Public Hearings Secure Direct Accountability in Land Services

CCC Gazipur and Satkhira conducted public hearings to bring service recipients face-to-face with land officials, resolving grievances and eliminating broker harassment. These hearings forced institutional accountability, resulting in on-the-spot resolutions for mutation disputes in Gazipur and a commitment to a "broker-free" digital service model in Satkhira. This intervention simplifies complaint processes and improves transparency for landless individuals, transforming land offices into citizen-centric institutions that prioritize integrity.



CCC Jamalpur and Patiya Secure Integrity Measures and Expanded Healthcare Access

CCC Jamalpur and Patiya leveraged public hearings and advocacy to secure concrete commitments from health authorities to address corruption and infrastructure gaps. In Jamalpur, hospital leadership mandated receipt-based transactions to eliminate illegal fees and harassment. Meanwhile, advocacy in Patiya led to the immediate deployment of MBBS doctors to sub-health centers and the approval of a disability-friendly facility. By using community monitoring and direct dialogue, these initiatives forced institutional accountability, making healthcare more transparent and responsive to patient rights.



YES Groups Mobilize 650+ Students to Champion RTI and Institutional Integrity

YES Groups from Dhaka and Dinajpur converted over 650 students into anti-corruption advocates through high-impact campaigns at HSTU and Green University. At HSTU, 350 students mastered the practical application of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, learning to file formal requests and appeals for public data. Simultaneously, at Green University, 300 students engaged in integrity orientations and a cartoon exhibition. By combining legal literacy with creative advocacy, these initiatives equipped a new generation with the tools to demand transparency and enforce institutional accountability.



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