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Sumaiya Khair, Director of Research and Policy Division Mohammad Rafiqul Islam and Assistant Program Manager Nazmul Huda Mina were present in the press conference. The research report shows that, despite substantial progress in fulfilling the efforts of the stakeholder, many challenges still remain. Only a limited number of factories have adopted the process of forming safety committees even after six months of passing the rules. Procrastination and disinclination is seen in cases filed against the accused persons of Rana Plaza disaster and taking legal actions by some investigative organizations.

Significant challenges of good governance identified by the research report are, increasing production target in many factories, retrenchment of workers in helper rank without any legal assistance, harassing workers associated with trade union, lack of accountability in filing cases and discharging of duties, allegation of making labors work an extra hour without wage, failing to ensure security and prohibiting female workers to work at night. Dr. Iftekharuzzaman insisted upon maintaining the progress of last three years, making integrated efforts to face remaining challenges and ensuring transparency and accountability in his speech.

TIB brings out some recommendations to achieve positive results from development projects of RMG sector, such as, forming a separate garment ministry, taking rapid action and realization of labor welfare fund, settling Rana Plaza and Tajreen disaster cases through the Speedy Trial Tribunal, creating a worker database, making an integrated list of factories related to RMG sector, increasing effectiveness of Department of Labor, making regular inspection to ensure the right of negotiation for worker organizations, ensuring fast activation of Fire Resist and Extinguishing Rules 2014, ensuring loan with easy interest rate from donor funds to factory owners for reconstruction and visibly placing the hotline number of Department of Labor in factories and make necessary publicity campaigns

TIB members conduct campaign on Right to Information

Members of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) conducted an anti-corruption campaign to awaken anti-corruption pledge in youth and to inform them about the Right to Information Law. TIB and The University Laboratory School and College jointly organized this campaign on 28 April at the University Laboratory School and College campus. Students of the institution took part in the campaign.



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The Principle of University Laboratory School and College, Md. Hahibur Rahman was present as chief guest in the dialogue session at ShahidSadek Auditorium of the institution. Vice Principle Selina Banu was present as special guest. Member of the counseling board of TIB's Trustee Board, Advocate Tanbir-Ul-Islam Siddiqui presided over the programme while TIB's member, Advocate Md. Anisur Rahman Sarkar moderated the programme. The speakers analyze on how to prevent corruption by ensuring the right to get information. An anti-corruption game show and cartoon exhibition was also organized.

In his opening speech Advocate Md. Anisur Rahman Sarkar said, "Bangladesh has many achievements to be proud of. But everything falls apart because of corruption. That is why we have to raise our voices against corruption from our respective positions." Vice Principal Selina Banu addressed the students and said, "You are the future of our country. You need to learn about how to fight corruption and how to stay away from corruption." TIB's Senior Programme Manager Md. Zahidul Islam carried out the open discussion session on "Information is Power". He elaborated the practical aspects of the Right to Information Law.



At the ending session, Principal Md. Hahibur Rahman called for the prevention of corruption while Advocate Tanbir-Ul-Islam Siddiqui pressed for speaking up against corruption. The programme ended with the oath taking session of students directed by The Principal.

Anti-Plagiarism Campaign at ULAB

University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB)-YES organized a day long Anti-Plagiarism Campaign at Campus-A in Dhanmondi on 13 April 2016. ULAB Registrar Lt. Col. Md. Fayzul Islam (Retd) inaugurated the campaign. YES Advisor Muhammad Hasibul Hasan, Senior Lecturer, School of Business along with twenty YES members and general students were also present there. Approximately eight hundred students were reached through the campaign. "The efforts taken by the ULAB-YES is really time worthy and effective to stop this evil acts in the exam." Mr. Islam made this comment in the comment book. Besides, the advisor said "Plagiarism in academic activities is curse for the students. Let us fight against it. Let ULAB be the pioneer in this movement." Dubbing plagiarism as crime students made a commitment to avoid such immoral mean in their academic activities.

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Initiative towards promoting good governance in land sector in Chapainawabganj

With a view to promote good governance in land sector, a meeting with Service Recipients and Land Authority took place at Deputy Commissioner (DC) Office of Chapainawabganj on 9 April 2016. The meeting was presided over by CCC President Ms. Selina Begum while Deputy Commissioner of Chapainawabganj Md. Zahidul Islam was present as chief guest and Uma Chowdhury, Director-Civic Engagement of TIB was present as special guest.

In an open discussion, participants shared their experience of irregularities in the land services and sought solutions from the service providers. Among others renowned businessman MonimUddoula Chowdhury, Panel Mayor Matiur Rahman, Tofazzal Hossain, Md. JafrulAlam, Md. Alauddin, Md. Habibur Rahman, representatives of indigenous people Mr. Biren, Bilkis Begum and Md. Abu Bakar expressed their opinions regarding land services. They shared that in Upazila Land Office and Union Land Offices additional fees is being demanded in exchange of services. They emphasized on updating the Information Board of the land offices.



The authorities assured to undertake all necessary steps for establishing people friendly land administration and provide cooperation for organizing such initiatives by CCC in future. Special guest Uma Chowdhury, Director-Civic Engagement of TIB stated that TIB's aim is to prevent corruption through creating awareness and establishing transparency and accountability among the service providing organizations.

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Hospital Authority Assures to Resolve the Service Related Problems in Chandpur

'Cooperation and combined efforts of all will help to solve the problems of the hospital.' stated Dr. Prodip Kumar Dutta, Superintendent of Chandpur General Hospital in a multi-stakeholder meeting on 27 April 2016. He also assured to solve the service related problems after discussion with the concerned authorities.

Chandpur General Hospital organized this meeting at the hospital in cooperation with CCC, Chandpur with the slogan 'Health Service is my rights, not opportunity'. The meeting discussed the issues concerning transparency and accountability in health services of the hospital. Points were raised by service recipients and representatives of Civil Society. Chandpur Press Club President B M Hannan told that the doctors face problems due to the excess of visitors. Superintendent Dr. Prodip Kumar Dutta answered the questions raised by the service recipients.

The participants of the meeting came up with a number of recommendations regarding the improvement of hospital services which included increasing the quality of food provided from hospital, cleanliness of the hospital premises, improvement of the quality treatment of child ward, improvement of the attitudes of some doctors, nurses, ward boys and attendants, ensuring punctuality of the doctors, supervising the access of visitors, prescribe medicines which are available in the hospital, controlling the entry of medical representatives etc.

Among others General Secretary of the Chandpur Press Club Soheli Rushdi, Senior Consultant Dr. Md. Jahangir Kabir, Consultant Dr. Sayed Md. Nurul Huda, CAB Chandpur District Branch President Jibon Kanai Chakraborty, CCC Member Alhaz Professor Mohammad Hossain Khan, Assistant Commander of MuktiJodha Sangsad Md. Mohsin Pathan, Assistant Registrar Dr. Md. Noman Hossain, Editor and Publisher of *Meghna Barta* Abdul Awal Rubel, Child Specialist Istiaq Islam, News Editor of *Daily Chandpur Sangbad* Kamrul Islam addressed the meeting. The meeting was presided over by CCC's health related sub-committee Dr. Md. A. Q. Ruhul Amin while Superintendent of this hospital Dr. Prodip Kumar Dutta was present as chief guest. CCC Member Professor Monohar Ali delivered welcome speech while CCC member Dr. Pijus Kanti Barua moderated the program. stand

Information Fair and Public Hearing organized at RupshaUpazila

'Local citizens should be aware and the employees of all departments of government should be corruption free and more responsible to provide services to the people in on order to declare Rupsha Upazila free of corruption by December of 2017' said Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) Commissioner Dr. Nasiruddin Ahmed as a chief guest in an Information Fair and Public Hearing at RupshaUpazila of Khulna. The Information Fair and Public Hearing was organized at Rupsha Upazila Parishad premises on 25 April 2016 with a view to proper implementation of Right to Information Act and ensuring transparency and accountability in all government institutions.



The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), CCC, Khulna and Durniti Protirodh Committee (DUPRAK) jointly organized the program where ACC Commissioner Dr. Nasiruddin Ahmed inaugurated the fair as chief guest following an anti-corruption rally.

A discussion meeting was held in Upazila Parishad Auditorium following the inaugural session of Information Fair where Director General of ACC (Enquiries & Investigations) Md. Nur Ahamed, Divisional Director-ACC of Khulna Md. Abu Arif Siddique, ACC Director Md. Maniruzzaman, Rupsha Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md. Sadekur Rahman, Upazila Duprok President Sheikh Abdur Rashid, CCC President Sheikh Abdul Quayum, Vice-President A K Hiru and Program Manager of TIB Rajesh Adhikary took part.

Public hearing was presided over by RupshaUpazila Parishad Chairman Md. Kamal Uddin Badsha and moderated by Additional District Magistrate of Khulna Noor-E-Alam. Representatives from Land Office of RupshaUpazila. Here, citizens raised some issues included demanding additional fee for mutation, delaying in transfer of land possession despite having it registered, demanding additional fee for electricity connection, collect additional land tax, absence of doctors in the Upazila Health Complex, negligence, insufficient medicine, not providing disability allowance despite having disability card etc. In this connection, ACC Commissioner proposed the respective authority to respond to the problems raised by the citizens and representatives of the related institutions answered the questions accordingly. A number of public and private institutions provided their service related information to the visitors by installing booths in the information fair. YES members of CCC, Khulna explained to the visitors the procedure of submitting RTI application.

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