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Policy Brief

Challenges and Recommendations for Good Governance in Mobile Financial Services

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) released a policy brief on the Mobile Financial Services (MFS) sector, following research that identified challenges such as high service charges, governance gaps, and corruption risks despite the sector's key role in advancing financial inclusion since 2011. The brief presents 19 recommendations on legal and institutional reforms, fair competition, customer protection, operational transparency, and misuse prevention, aiming to ensure accountability, efficiency, and inclusiveness for millions of MFS users across the country.



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TIB Highlights Good Governance in Government Primary Schools

TIB released a policy brief to improve government primary schools, drawing on insights from its PACTA project that monitored 130 schools across 45 regions from January 2023 to December 2024. Engaging communities through Committees of Concerned Citizens (CCC), Youth Engagement and Support (YES), and Active Citizens Groups (ACG), TIB identified critical issues such as infrastructure gaps, teacher shortages, irregular attendance, and weak School Management Committees (SMCs). The brief presents 27 actionable recommendations including school grading and infrastructure upgrades, teacher-student ratios, SMC strengthening, cleanliness, home visits, and budget transparency, designed to boost accountability, raise educational quality, and empower citizens to actively participate in shaping their schools' future.



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Position Paper

"Beat Plastic Pollution – Together, Now"

TIB has released a position paper on World Environment Day 2025, calling for stronger governance and urgent reforms to end plastic pollution. Highlighting that Bangladesh generates over 8.2 lakh tons of plastic waste annually, TIB outlined 14 key recommendations including a government declaration to be plastic-free by 2040, revision of the National 3R Strategy, strict enforcement of single-use plastic bags, effective implementation of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), and enhanced waste management capacity. TIB also urged Bangladesh's delegation to actively support an ambitious global plastic treaty in upcoming UN negotiations to ensure accountability and sustainable action.



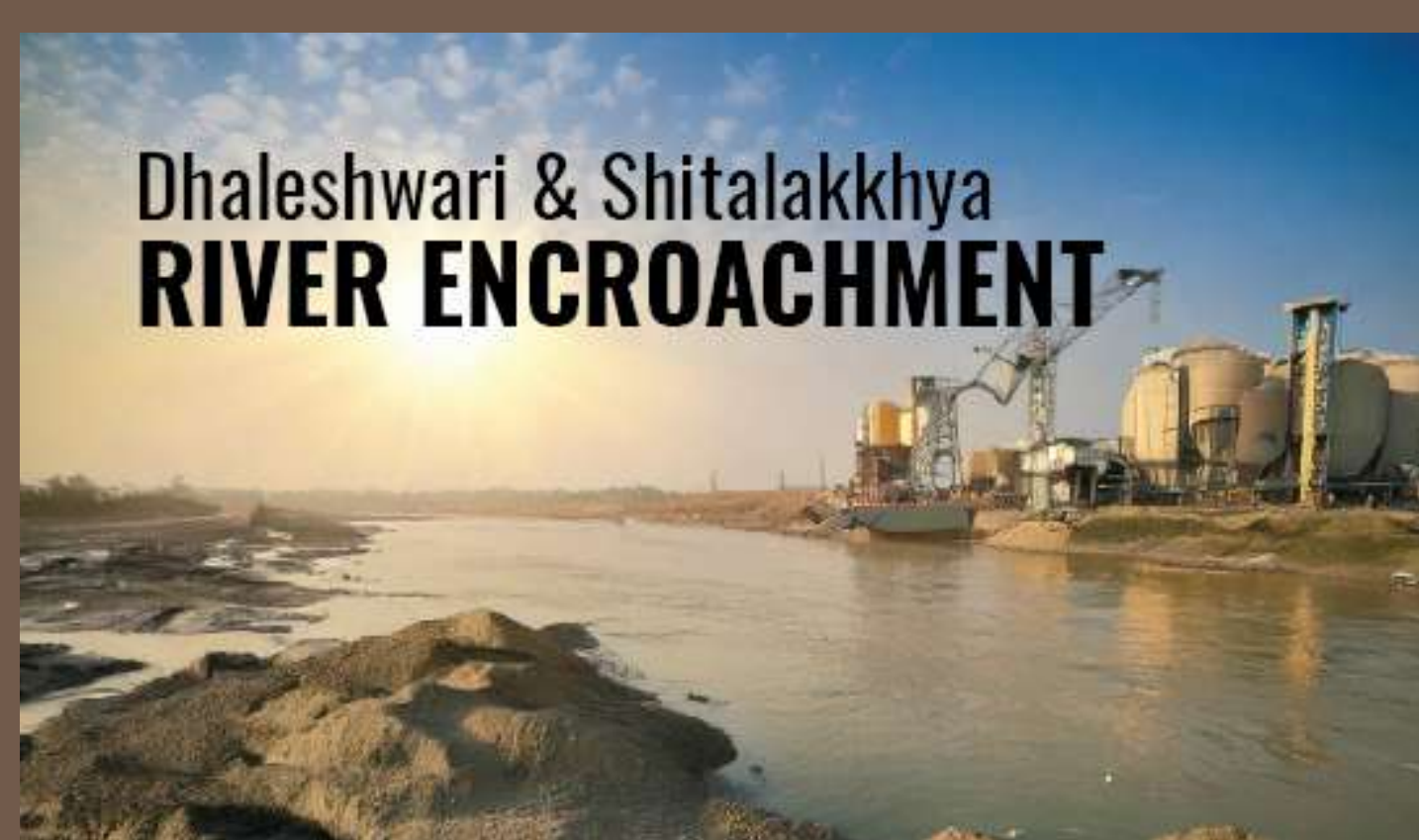
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Press Statement

TIB Calls for Action Against Shah Cement's River Encroachment

TIB has condemned Shah Cement for illegally filling 24 acres at the confluence of the Dhaleshwari and Shitalakkhya rivers, obstructing natural flow and polluting the waterways. Despite repeated warnings from authorities, no action has been taken. TIB has demanded immediate blacklisting of the company, removal of illegal structures, accountability for officials, and full restoration.

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TIB Strongly Condemns Government Move to Legalize Black Money in FY 2025–26 Budget

TIB has strongly condemned the decision to continue the provision for whitening black money in the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2025–26. Criticizing this move by the interim government, the organization stated that it reflects a stance completely contrary to the objectives of state reform, particularly the core purpose of the Anti-Corruption Commission reform. TIB termed the decision unethical, discriminatory, and in violation of the Constitution.

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Anti-Corruption Campaigners Demand Action on Suspected Dirty Money from Bangladesh in the UK

During Chief Advisor Mohammed Yunus's official visit to the United Kingdom, TIB, together with other anti-corruption organizations in Bangladesh and the UK, called on the UK Government to take urgent measures to facilitate the recovery of assets allegedly misappropriated by the previous regime. TIB urged the UK to impose sanctions on Bangladeshi elites suspected of corruption and to strengthen law enforcement mechanisms to ensure the seizure and repatriation of illicitly obtained wealth.

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Day Observance

TIB Urges United Effort to Combat Plastic Pollution

TIB brought citizens together to fight plastic pollution, turning concern into action. Students from Dhaka, Jagannath, and Stamford universities scoured the University of Dhaka campus, collecting plastic waste and rallying for a cleaner city, while Committees of Concerned Citizens formed human chains and submitted memorandums to local administrations, calling for strict enforcement of environmental laws. While observing World Environment Day, TIB Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman called for real change through citizen engagement, transparency, and collective effort. Extending beyond Dhaka, TIB's volunteers and partner groups organized awareness campaigns across 38 districts and 7 upazilas, demonstrating that united action can make Bangladesh's vision of a plastic-free future a reality, in line with World Environment Day 2025.



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CCC News

CCCs Nationwide Call to End Plastic Pollution by 2040

Committees of Concerned Citizens (CCCs) of TIB observed World Environment Day 2025 in 45 locations through rallies, human chains, and discussions with youth and citizens. The events highlighted governance gaps in waste management and called for stronger policies, citizen participation, and strict legal action to eliminate plastic pollution by 2040. A set of 14 recommendations was proposed, including banning harmful chemicals in plastics, ensuring 100% recycling by 2040, strengthening waste management capacity, enforcing the polluter pays principle, and raising public awareness.



CCC Madaripur Mobilizes Citizens to Shape Municipality Budget



CCC Madaripur, led a Citizen's Sharing Meeting to shape the 2025–26 municipal budget. Alongside YES and ACG, they gathered citizen recommendations on waste management, sanitation, drainage, traffic, public facilities, youth and women development, anti-corruption, health, and education. The municipality committed to addressing these priorities, strengthening transparency, accountability, and citizen-responsive governance. The meeting was held on 23 June 2025.

Advocacy Meeting to Improve Secondary Education

CCC Patiya, Chittagong met the Upazila Secondary Education Authority to address school attendance, teacher shortages, hygiene, stipend distribution, and financial transparency. Based on CCC's community monitoring, the Education Officer pledged action and promised an official directive. The meeting was held on 23 June 2025.



Citizens Unite to Save Satkhira's Pran Sayer Canal

CCC Satkhira brought together locals in a community action meeting to demand waste removal, dredging, greenery, walkways, and safety measures for women buyers, stressing collective efforts with authorities for lasting canal protection. The meeting was held on 23 June 2025.



Citizens Taking Action for Fair and Transparent Land Services

CCC Muktagacha, Mymensingh raised issues of brokers, harassment, delays, and weak grievance redress in land services. The Assistant Commissioner (Land) pledged priority accountability, direct account action on CCC's recommendations. The meeting with CCC, YES, and ACG was held on 18 June 2025.

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