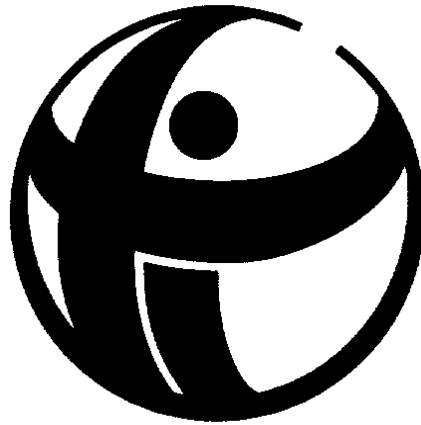


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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.2 Introduction: TIB is implementing the National Integrity Program (NIP), which has four components:

- ❑ Fact-Finding Exercise (FFE),
- ❑ Committees of Concerned Citizens (CCCs),
- ❑ Advice and Information Center (AIC) and
- ❑ National Integrity Workshops (NIWs).

During the period (January-March, 2002), the NIP team has achieved most of the targets as outlined in our previous quarterly report. Following is a summary of progress in the first quarter, 2002.

1.2 Fact-Finding Exercise: TIB completed the FFE on three watchdog agencies. These are:

- ❑ Bureau of Anti-Corruption (BAC),
- ❑ Comptroller & Auditor General office (C & AG), and
- ❑ Public Accounts Committee (PAC).

TIB released the FFE report on BAC through a round-table discussion in the previous quarter. TIB has prepared a draft bill on the nature and form of such a proposed Independent Anti-Corruption Commission (IACC). The other two FFE reports which are in their final stage of editing will be released at the National Integrity Workshop. (See Chapter Two)

1.3 Committee of Concerned Citizens: Out of six CCCs, five CCCs conducted a number of activities in this quarter (January-March, 2002). TIB arranged advocacy training at TARC, BRAC, Bogra in this quarter. The CCC members from Madhupur attended the training. The Nalitabari, Mymensingh and Madhupur CCCs conducted advocacy programmes on the report card on primary education. The CCC of Nalitabari organized an anti-corruption procession in this quarter. Muktagacha CCC arranged a tea party for the newly elected Member of Parliament and other local leaders in this quarter. TIB dissolved Jamalpur CCC and formed a new CCC.

1.4 Advice and Information Center: The third component of NIP is the establishment of an Advice and Information Center (AIC), which is closely related to the setting up of CCCs. The latest information regarding the extent, nature and location of corruption in Bangladesh will flow into this central clearing-house from the CCCs. The proposed AIC under the NIP would be housed in Mymensingh. TIB has identified a suitable place in Mymensingh where the AIC would be established. TIB has developed a number of fact sheets on different government and non-government service delivery institutions. TIB is planning to open AIC in the next quarter (April-June, 2002).

1.5 National Integrity Workshops: TIB could arrange three workshops in this quarter. (January - March, 2002). TIB is planning to conduct a national integrity workshop on the occasion of the publication of the reports on PAC and C & AG Office.

CHAPTER TWO
FACT-FINDING EXERCISE

The NIP team released the report on the Fact-Finding Exercise on the Bureau of Anti-Corruption (BAC) in the previous quarter. The team has also prepared a draft bill on the proposed Independent Anti-Corruption Commission (IACC). The NIP team has also completed the FFE on the Comptroller and Auditor General Office (C & AG), and the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). The NIP team is planning to organize a National Integrity Workshop on the publication of the FFE reports on C & AG and PAC.

CHAPTER THREE

COMMITTEES OF CONCERNED CITIZENS

3.1 Introduction: Out of six CCCs, five CCCs conducted a number of activities in this quarter (January-March, 2002). TIB arranged an advocacy training at TARC, BRAC, Bogra in this quarter. The CCC members from Madhupur attended the training. Nalitabari, Mymensingh and Madhupur CCCs conducted advocacy programmes on the report card on primary education. The Nalitabari CCC organized an anti-corruption procession in this quarter. Muktagacha CCC arranged a tea party for the newly elected Member of Parliament and other local leaders in this quarter. TIB dissolved the Jamalpur CCC and formed a new CCC.

3.2 List of major activities of the CCCs carried out in this quarter: The following is a summary description of the CCC activities carried out in the 1st quarter of 2002.

3.2.1 Advocacy Program on Report Card on Primary Education: The Madhupur CCC members conducted two advocacy programmes on the report card on primary education on 12th January, 2002. One was held in Madhupur Government Model School and another was held at the office of Dhanbari Teachers' Association. In Madhupur, more than one hundred headmasters and in Dhanbari over sixty headmasters of different primary schools were present at the meetings. The Madhupur CCC convener Professor Golam Samdhani described the activities of TI, TIB and CCCs. Mr. Ekram Hossain, Programme officer of TIB presented the findings of the report card survey on primary education. Ms. Malbika Bhoumik, Upazilla Education Officer of Madhupur, criticised the report card survey on primary education and asked a number of questions regarding the survey. Md. Sydur Rahman Molla, Research Officer of TIB answered those questions. CCC members requested the education officers to help CCC to curb corruption in the education sector. Md. Arifur Rahman, Secretary of Madhupur CCC, also spoke on the occasion.

The Mymensingh CCC members met with the District Education Officer (DEO) on 17th January, 2002. The Mymensingh CCC members Md. Momtaz Uddin, Mr. Pradeep Chakrabarty, Mr. Sharifuzzaman Parag, Mymensingh Office Secretary Ms. Sazia Afreen, and Field Assistant Karuna Kishor Chakrabarty were present at the advocacy meeting. Mr. Pradeep Chakrabarty presented the findings of the report card survey on primary education. Sheikh Afzal Ali, District Education Officer of Mymensingh appreciated the initiatives taken by TIB and CCC. He disagreed with some of the findings of the survey. CCC members asked the education officer to co-operate in order to curb corruption in the education sector.

The Nalitabari CCC members conducted an advocacy programme on the report card on primary education on 11th February, 2002. More than one hundred headmasters from different primary schools of Nalitabari were present at the meeting. The Nalitabari CCC convener M A Hakam Hira described the activities of TI, TIB and CCCs and presented the findings of the report card survey on primary education. Upazilla Education Officer of Nalitabari appreciated the report card survey on primary education. Some headmasters criticized the findings of the report card survey. TIB Research Officer

and Programme Officer answered the questions regarding the survey. Other CCC members of Nalitabari also spoke at the meeting.

The Muktagacha CCC members met with the Upazilla Nirbhahi Officer on 11th February, 2002 on the report card on primary education. Muktagacha CCC convener and CCC secretary were present at the meeting.

3.2.2 Training on Advocacy

TIB organized advocacy training for its CCC members during 17 -19 January, 2002 at BRAC Training and Research Centre (TARC), Bogra. A number of CCC members and volunteers from Madhupur participated in the training. Mr. Naresh Madhu, a freelance trainer conducted the training program. TIB Executive Director Mr. Manzoor Hasan and Training Consultant Mr. Abu Zayed Mohammad were the resource persons for the training.

3.2.3 Tea party for the new Member of Parliament, local politicians and elites

The Muktagacha CCC gave a reception to the newly elected Member of Parliament and State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources A. K. M Mosharaf Hossain on 8th February, 2002 in Muktagacha. Advocate Shamsul Haque presided over the meeting. TIB Executive Director, Upazilla Nirbhahi Officer Md. Manwar Hossain Akhand, and local leaders were present on the occasion. The State Minister assured all that he would work to curb corruption in Muktagacha.

3.2.4 Anti-Corruption procession and debate competition

Nalitabari CCC organized an anti-corruption procession on 26th March, 2002. They also organized a debate competition on the same day. The CCC members, TIB Programme Officer, and a number of volunteers took part in the anti-corruption procession. The Nalitabari CCC convener M. A. Hakam Hira presided over the debate competition.

3.2.5 Information-gathering for AIC: Mymensingh, Madhupur, Kishorganj, Nalitabari, and Muktagacha CCCs are helping to collect information which will be kept at the AIC. (See Chapter Four)

3.2.6 Theatre show:

Six shows of TIB's Peoples' Theatre group were held in the CCC areas. Nalitabari CCC arranged three shows in its area. At least 2000 people enjoyed the show. Madhupur, Muktagacha and Kishoreganj CCCs also arranged one show each in their respective areas.

3.3 List of activities carried out by CCCs

3.3.1 Mymensingh Sadar CCC: The number of members in Mymensingh CCC is 18. The Mymensingh CCC has identified some inactive members in their CCC. They have decided to suspend these inactive members. The Mymensingh CCC has prepared a work plan for the next six months (July-December, 2002). They arranged a meeting on the report card on health. They will meet with the health authority soon. Below is the list of activities of Mymensingh CCC (inclusive of past and present ones)

	List of activities	Target in the first quarter	Completed in the first quarter	Reasons for deviation
01.	Report card on primary education	Advocacy program to be continued	Continued	No deviation
02.	Report card on health	Advocacy program to be started	Not started	The CCC decided to incorporate some additional information with the report card.
03.	Report card on land administration	No target was fixed	Issues have been identified	No deviation
04.	“Choose the Right Candidate” program in local govt. election	To be done	Not done	No election was held in the CCCs areas
05.	Report card on pourasava services	No target was fixed		
06.	Peoples’ Theatre show	To be continued was fixed	Not continued	The group was engaged in other areas
07.	Workshops, seminars	No target was fixed		
08.	Students Affairs’ activities	To be started	Started	No deviation
09.	Report card on police	No target was fixed		
10.	Report card on local issues	No target was fixed		

3.3.2 Muktagacha CCC

Muktagacha CCC arranged a reception for the State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resource and other local leaders in this quarter. They formed a sub-committee for students’ affairs activities. They are arranging essay and debate competition for school/college students. Muktagacha CCC met with the Upazilla Nirbahi Officer regarding the report card on primary education. Below is the list of activities of Muktagacha CCC (inclusive of past and present ones)

	List of activities	Target in the first quarter	Completed in the first quarter	Reasons for deviation
01.	Report card on primary education	Advocacy program to be continued	Continued	No deviation
02.	Report card on health	Advocacy program to be started	Not started	The CCC decided to meet with the health authority before releasing the report
03.	Report card on land administration	No target was fixed up	Identified the issues	No deviation
04.	“Choose the Right Candidate”	To be done	Not done	No election was held in the CCC areas
05.	Report card on pourasava services	No target was fixed		
06.	Peoples’ Theatre show	To be continued	Continued	No deviation
07.	Workshops, seminars	No target was fixed	Continued	No deviation
08.	Students Affairs’ activities	To be started	Started	No deviation
09.	Report card on police	No target was fixed	Not decided	No deviation
10.	Report card on local issues	No target was fixed	Not identified	No deviation

3.3.3 Madhupur CCC

Madhupur CCC has prepared a work plan for the next six months. They have decided to conduct research on Madhupur forest and text book scam. They have conducted advocacy programmes on primary education. This CCC attended the advocacy training which was held in Bogra which was organized by TIB. TIB also undertook a SWOC (S-Strengthen, W-Weakness, O-Opportunity, and C-Constraint) analysis of Madhupur CCC. Below is the list of activities of Madhupur CCC (inclusive of past and present ones)

	List of activities	Target in the first quarter	Completed in the first quarter	Reasons for deviation
01.	Report card on primary education	Advocacy program to be continued	Continued	No deviation
02.	Report card on health	Advocacy program to be started	Started	No deviation
03.	Report card on land administration	No target was fixed	Identified the issues	No deviation
04.	“Choose the Right Candidate” program in local govt. election	To be done	Not done	No election was held in the CCC areas
05.	Report card on pourasava services	No target was fixed		No deviation
06.	Peoples’ Theatre show	To be continued	Continued	No deviation
07.	Workshops, seminars	No target was fixed		No deviation
08.	Students Affairs activities	To be started	Started	No deviation
09.	Report card on police	No target was fixed	Not decided	No deviation
10.	Report card on local issues	No target was fixed	Two issues have been identified: they are forest and text book scam	No deviation

3.3.4 Kishorganj CCC

Kishorganj CCC selected their new convener, who is a retired government. officer. Kishorganj CCC couldn’t undertake any significant activity due to some reasons: firstly, two members have been transferred from Kishorganj. Secondly, two members were in India for a long period, thus reducing the strength of the CCC. Thirdly, the convener was not well. In this quarter, Kishorganj CCC arranged a debate and essay competition among the college and school students. Below is the list of activities of Kishorganj CCC (inclusive of past and present ones)

	List of activities	Target in the first quarter	Completed in the first quarter	Reasons for deviation
01.	Report card on primary education	Advocacy program to be continued	Not continued	They were engaged in easy and debate competition
02.	Report card on health	Advocacy program to be started	Not started	They decided to make pre-release consultation.
03.	Report card on land administration		Identified the issues	
04.	“Choose the Right Candidate” program in local govt. election	To be done	Not done	No election was held in the CCC areas
05.	Report card on pourasava services	No target was fixed		No deviation
06.	Peoples’ theatre show	To be continued	Continued	No deviation
07.	Workshops, seminars	No target was fixed		No deviation
08.	Students Affairs’ activities	To be started	Completed	No deviation
09.	Report card on police	No target was fixed	Identified the issues	No deviation
10.	Report card on local issues	No target was fixed		No deviation

3.3.5 Nalitabari CCC:

Nalitabari CCC has prepared a work plan for the next six months. They have decided to form a theatre group. They have conducted advocacy programmes on primary education. They also organized an anti-corruption procession and a debate competition. Nalitabari CCC has inducted two new members. Below is the list of activities of Nalitabari CCC (inclusive of past and present ones).

SL	List of activities	Target in the first quarter	Completed in the first quarter	Reasons for deviation
01.	Report card on primary education	Advocacy program to be continued	Continued	No deviation
02.	Report card on health	Advocacy program to be started	Not started	They decided to undertake pre-release consultation.
03.	Report card on land administration		Identified the issues	No deviation
04.	“Choose the Right Candidate” program in local govt. election	To be done	Not done	No election was held in the CCCs areas
05.	Report card on pourasava services	No target was fixed		No deviation
06.	Peoples’ Theatre show	To be continued	Continued	No deviation
07.	Workshops, seminars	No target was fixed		No deviation
08.	Students Affairs’ activities	To be started	Started	No deviation
09.	Report card on police	No target was fixed	Not decided	No deviation
10.	Report card on local issues	No target was fixed		No deviation

3.3.6 Jamalpur CCC:

Jamalpur CCC expressed unease with TIB after the release of CPI 2001, before the general elections. Due to the release of CPI, Jamalpur CCC did not undertake any activity. TIB and Jamalpur CCC dissolved the CCC and formed a new one. The membership size of Jamalpur CCC is eleven. Out of eleven, five members have been selected from the old committee. Most of the CCC members of Jamalpur are lawyers (54%). Two members are journalists, and another three members are lecturer, retired professor, and businessman. The formation of the new committee was on 13 March, 2002 and the CCC has not yet started its activity. They are looking for an office premise and in the process of recruiting a secretary. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between CCC and TIB. The following table shows the list of CCC members of Jamalpur.

Committee of Concerned Citizens-CCC,

Jamalpur Sadar, Jamalpur

	Name	Age	Profession
01.	Adv. Mohammad Nazrul Islam (Dulu)	52	Lawyer, Social worker
02.	Prof. Ansar Ali	56	Retd. Professor
03.	Adv. H. R. Zahid Anwar	55	Lawyer
04.	Mr. Sukumar Chowdhury (Swapan)	50	Business, Social Worker
05.	Adv. Sorwar Jahan	48	Lawyer
06.	Mr. Mostafa Babul	42	Journalist, Dist. Correspondent, The Daily <i>Janakantha</i>
07.	Adv. Shamima Khan	43	Lawyer, Women Rights Activist
08.	Adv. Shameem Ara Begum	35	Lawyer, Women Rights Activist, NGO Activist
09.	Mr. Mustafa Monz	35	Journalist, Dist. Correspondent, The Daily <i>Prathom Alo</i>
10.	Mr. Md. Anwar Hossain	36	Lawyer, Youth Activist
11.	M. Md. Hasanur Rahman Khan	33	Lecturer

3.4 Summary of CCCs and CCC Activities

The present membership size of six CCCs is 85 which was initially 90. Some CCCs members have either withdraw their names or their membership has been terminated due to inactiveness. The following table gives a summary of CCC activities:

Sl	CCC Area	Number of CCC members	Major activities of 1st quarter, 2002
01.	Mymensingh	18	Advocacy
02.	Muktagacha	14	Reception for MP, theatre show
03.	Kishorganj	14	Debate and essay competition, theatre show
04.	Nalitabari	15	Advocacy, anti-corruption procession, students affairs activities, theatre show
05.	Madhupur	12	Advocacy, theatre show, SWOC analysis, training
06.	Jalpur	11	Preliminary activities for advocacy
Total		84 (Average=14)	

CHAPTER FOUR

ADVICE AND INFORMATION CENTER

4.1 Introduction: The third component of NIP is the establishment of an Advice and Information Center (AIC), which is closely related to the setting up of CCCs. The latest information regarding the extent, nature and location of corruption in Bangladesh will flow into this central clearing-house from the CCCs. The proposed AIC under the NIP would be housed in Mymensingh. TIB has got a suitable premise in Mymensingh where the AIC would be established. The following shows the different activities undertaken for the establishment of AIC:

4.2 Fact Sheet on Public and Private Service Delivery Institutions: TIB has developed a number of fact sheets on different government and non-government service delivery institutions. The dissemination of the information through the fact sheets will start from the next quarter (April-June, 2002). The fact sheets are:

Sectors	Organizations
Health	Mymensingh Medical College
	Madhupur Health Complex
	Private health complex in Madhupur
	Biddalay Health Center
	Nuclear Medicine Centre
Education	Anandha Mohan College
	Biddamohi Govt. High School
	Govt. Laboratory school
	Muslim Girls High School and college
	Mymensingh Zilla School
	Community Based Medical College
Electricity	PDB
	PB
	Grameen Shakti
Gas	TITAS
Telephone	Mymensingh Telephone Office
Bank	Sonali Bank
	Pubali Bank
	Krishi Bank
Transport	Bus services
Railway	Mymensingh-Dhaka
Law	Marriage and divorce
Social sector	Community centre, Rent-a- car
Land	Upazilla Land Office
	Settlement Office
	Tehsil office
Police	FIR, GD
Lower Judiciary	Lower court
Passport	Mymensingh Passport Office
Local Govt.	Mymensingh Poursava
	Union Parishad
BAC	Mymensingh BAC
Taxation	Value Added Tax, Customs and Income tax
News papers	Mymensingh local newspapers and national newspapers
Post office	Mymensingh post office
NGOs	BRAC

TIB is trying to develop other fact sheets on other government and private organizations.

4.3 Report Card:

CCC members decided to meet with the local health authorities before releasing the report card on health. The data collection on land administration report card will start in the next quarter (April-June, 2002).

4.4 Parliament Watch:

The NIP team has prepared reports on the first two sessions of the 8th Parliament.

4.5 News scan database:

The third news scan database report has been completed. The report will be released in the next quarter (April-June, 2002).

4.5 Training manual on report card survey:

The training manual on report card survey has been completed. The training would be started in the next quarter (April-June, 2002).

4.6 Summary of AIC activities for the first quarter of 2002:

Below is the list of activities of AIC (inclusive of past and present ones).

	Subject	Target in the first quarter 2002,	Completed in the first quarter 2002	Reasons for deviation
01.	Bank	To be finalized	Finalized	No deviation
02.	Post office	To be finalized	Finalized	No deviation
03.	T & T	To be finalized	Finalized	No deviation
04.	NGOs	To be finalized	Finalized	No deviation
05.	Police	To be finalized	Finalized	No deviation
06.	Lower court	To be finalized	Finalized	No deviation
07.	Educational	To be finalized	Finalized	No deviation
08.	Health	To be finalized	Finalized	No deviation
09.	Passport	To be finalized	Finalized	No deviation
10.	Land administration	To be finalized	Finalized	No deviation
11.	Decoration of AIC	To be decorated	Not decorated	Suitable place could not be identified.
12.	News scan database	To be released the 3 rd report	Not released	Corroboration couldn't be finished due to lack of human resource.
13.	Report card on health	To be released	Not released	CCCs decided pre-release consultation with the health authority
14.	Report card on land administration	To be finished data collection	Not finished	CCCs decided to prepare report card on land administration later.
15.	Report card on police	No target was fixed		
16.	Report card on pourasava	No target was fixed		

CHAPTER FIVE

NATIONAL INTEGRITY WORKSHOPS

5.1 Introduction: The fourth component of the National Integrity Program is the holding of National Integrity Workshops based on the experiences of the first three components. The NIP team decided to conduct a number of workshops during the project period. TIB has arranged three workshops in this quarter. (January - March, 2002). The following is the list of workshops and seminars which were arranged in this quarter (January - March, 2002)

5.2 Fact-Finding report on the Bureau of Anti-Corruption and Proposed structure of the Independent Anti-Corruption Commission (IACC)

TIB held a round-table discussion on the Fact-Finding report of the present Bureau of Anti-Corruption and on a proposed structure for an Independent Anti-Corruption Commission (IACC) on January 14, 2002 in Chittagong. Professor M. Yeahia Akhter, Professor of Chittagong University moderated the round table discussion. Md. M. Anwarul Amin, Research Associate of TIB presented the results of the Fact-Finding Report and Zia Haider Rahman, Research Director of TIB presented the structure of the proposed IACC. Mr. Manzoor Hasan, Executive Director of TIB also spoke at the round-table discussion.

Speakers at the round-table were Farid Ahmad Chowdhury, President of Chittagong Chambers of Commerce and Industries (CCCI), Md. Idris, President of Chittagong Union of Journalists, Dr. Moinul Islam, President of Bangladesh Economic Association and others. More than sixty participants from different segments of the society were present at the round-table discussion.

5.3 Fact-Finding report on the Bureau of Anti-Corruption and Proposed structure of the Independent Anti-Corruption Commission (IACC)

TIB held a discussion meeting on the Fact-Finding report of the present Bureau of Anti-Corruption and on a proposed structure for an Independent Anti-Corruption Commission (IACC) on February 10 2002 in Rajshahi. TIB Executive Director Manzoor Hasan moderated the round-table discussion. Md. M. Anwarul Amin, Research Associate of TIB presented the results of the Fact-Finding Report and the structure of the proposed IACC. The speakers at the round-table were politicians, journalists, NGO activists, lawyers, professors and government officers.

5.4 Closed Door Meeting

TIB arranged a Closed Door Meeting on the proposed IACC at TIB Office on 14 February 2002 which followed the Chatham House Rule. Parliamentarians, Government officials, NGO activists' and senior lawyers attended the Closed Door Meeting.

5.5 Summary of workshops/seminars in the first quarter of 2002

The following is summary of the workshops and seminars which were arranged in this quarter (January-March, 2002)

	Subject of the Workshops	Target in the first quarter, 2002	Completed in the first quarter, 2002	Reasons for deviation
01.	First National Integrity Workshop	*	Not done	Due to non-availability of resource persons
02.	Second National Integrity Workshop			
02.	Three Workshops on the Nature and Forms of proposed Independent Anti-Corruption Commission	*	Done	
03.	Workshops on C & AG and PAC report	*	Not done	NIP team is trying to incorporate some additional information as suggested by experts.
04.	Workshop seminar on corruption in primary education	*	Not done	The CCC couldn't arrange the seminar because the chief guest couldn't give time.
05.	Workshop on other issues	*	Not done	The authors couldn't write the key-note papers on time
