

Tobacco Industry Interference (TII) Monitoring Report

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Summary:

A total 09 industry interferences were reported in July, 2023. Notable among these we identified that, BATB is sapling distribution program across the country on World Environment Day 2023 by 'Banayan' project. Bangladesh Blind Mission (BBM), (Funded by Smoke free world) organized 2 event.

With the technical assistance of the Union, WBB Trust has collected all the information and prepared a brief report about the interferences done by the tobacco companies.




Date	News and source	Evidence
TII on CSR		
3 July 2023	'Banayan' is sapling distribution program across the country on World Environment Day 2023. As part of the programme, 2,000 tree saplings were distributed among the local farmers in the presence of 'Forestry' representatives at Lalmonirhat. Link	
20 July 2023	'Banayan' distributed 4000 tree saplings in Chakaria upazila of Cox's Bazar. Officer-in-charge, Chakaria Police Station and 'Banayan' representatives were present in this sapling distribution programme. Link	

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<p>22 July 2023</p>	<p>Bangladesh Blind Mission (BBM), (Funded by Smoke free world) organized an event at Meghna Hall of BIAM Foundation in the capital as part of involving the journalists in anti-tobacco program aimed at making the country tobacco-free by 2040. Both the print and electronic media have scope to reach people across the country and they can also motivate the policymakers, they said. Prof Dr AHM Mustafizur Rahman, former Vice Chancellor of Jatiyo Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Mymensingh, attended as chief guest, while Brig Gen (retd) Khondoker Mohammad Mozammel Haque, adviser of BBM, attended as special guest. Among others, Mohammad Shamsal Islam, epidemiologist of Ispahani Eye Institute and Hospital, presented keynote paper, while Nayla Pervin Peya, Executive Producer of Independent Television, presented another keynote paper on the issue. About 27 journalists in Dhaka took part in the workshop.</p> <p>Link</p>	
<p>24 July 2023</p>	<p>'Banayan' distributes tree seedlings among local farmers in Kushtia.</p> <p>Link</p>	
<p>26 July 2023</p>	<p>'Banayan' distributed 7500 tree saplings in Dighinala Upazila of Khagrachari. Mr. Md. Kashem, Chairman, Dighinala Upazila and 'Banayan' representatives were present in this sapling distribution program.</p> <p>Link</p>	

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<p>26 July 2023</p>	<p>BATB organize a bootcamp with exciting games, exhilarating activities, and enthusiastic individuals carrying forth one everlasting legacy with an indomitable spirit. The top 100 teams this year's Battle of Minds.</p> <p>Link</p>	
<p>27 July 2023</p>	<p>A workshop titled 'Workshop with Health Professionals on the Present Situation of Tobacco Cessation: Challenges and Way Forward' was held at Meghna Hall of the BIAM Foundation in the capital. organized the event as part of involving physicians in an anti-tobacco campaign aimed at making the country tobacco-free by 2040. Prof. Dr. AHM Mustafizur Rahman, former Vice Chancellor of Jatiyo Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Mymensingh, attended as the chief guest, while Brigadier General (retd.) Khondoker Mohammad Mozammel Haque, advisor of BBM, attended as a special guest. About 23 doctors from across the country took part in the workshop.</p> <p>Link Link</p>	<p>চিকিৎসকদের যথেষ্ট জমিকা পালন ২০৪০ সালের মধ্যে তামাকমুক্ত দেশ গঠনে সহায়ক হতে পারে</p> <p>www.biamf.org</p> 
<p>28 July 2023</p>	<p>'Banayan' distributed and planted 3000 saplings in Naikhongchhari, Bandarban. Union Parishad Chairman and 'Banayan' representatives of the region were present in this sapling distribution and planting programme.</p> <p>Link</p>	
<p>TII on Others</p>		
<p>25 July, 2023</p>	<p>The BATB said in a disclosure published on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) that its net operating cash flow decreased due to higher value-added tax (VAT), supplementary duty (SD), health development surcharge and tax payments.</p> <p>Link</p>	<p>BAT Bangladesh suffers operating cash crisis due to higher taxes</p> <p>The company said in a disclosure published on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) that its net operating cash flow decreased due to higher value-added tax (VAT), supplementary duty (SD), health development surcharge and tax payments</p>