5 YEARS OF AIIB: NGOs REVEAL HOW CHINA-LED BANK DISREGARDS RIGHTS OF AFFECTED PEOPLE

SPEAKERS BIO

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CLEAN is monitoring the AIIB funded project Bhola Integrated Power Plant (IPP).

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Vidya Dinker is a Lawrence Pinto awardee. She dedicated many years of her life selflessly fighting for people’s rights, taken on the might of the state against the displacement of locals, especially the poor, under the SEZ project, her valiant fight for ecology and in defence of the trees being felled in the name of development and progress, for standing-up bravely against anti-social elements and for doing all this, almost single-handedly. She is -- of GrowthWatch.

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