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BB governor distributes Tk 5.3m in Gopalganj

Bangladesh Bank (BB) Governor Dr Atiur Rahman Saturday distributed Tk 5.3 million among 212 extremely poor families in Tungipara upazila of Gopalganj as part of the central bank's steps to bring the country's poor families under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme, reports BSS.

Handing over Tk 25,000 to each of the 212 families at a programme at Tungipara, the governor expressed his hope to expand the programme across the country for creating self-employment facilities for marginal population.

Executive Director of BB Mahfuzur Rahman presided over the programme organised by the Gopalganj district administration.

"I think that this programme would play important role for improving the standard of livelihood of the poor and their inclusion in the financial inclusion initiative," said Mr Atiur.

He said CSR programmes of the banks and financial institutions (FIs) have been increased significantly recently and such expenditures of banking sector have been increased by about 11/2 times to Tk 5.11 billion in the last year.

The central bank, the governor said, constituted a CSR fund titled 'Bangladesh Bank Disaster Management and Social Responsibility Fund' last year and it contributes Tk 100 million to this fund from its profit every year.

He said that the central bank would take up more programmes under its CSR activities and urged the banks and FIs to come forward with effective programmes to make the country's marginal people self-reliant through creating more self-employment opportunities.

"I hope that banks would be more attentive to people's welfare oriented activities and if we are able to work in a participatory manner, poverty would soon be possible to eradicate from the country," said Mr Atiur.

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