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### Tk 71 lakh for uplift of CHT schools, colleges

The Government will spent Taka 71.48 lakh for the development of schools and colleges in the hill tracts region during the current financial year, reports BSS.

The amount to be spent for the implementation of various schemes under the Taka 263.13 crore five-year special plan for the expeditious uplift of the area an official handout said.

Meanwhile the Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board has paid Taka 6.70 lakh as lump sum grant to 32 educational institutions of Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachari districts in the last financial year. The amount was given to enable the organisations play more effective role in disseminating education especially among the tribal population, the handout said. The board paid Taka 2.5 lakh to 11 educational institutions of Khagrachari district while Rangamati and Bandarban district were given Taka 2.1 lakh each for a total 21 organisations.

It is mentionable here that the present Government has been pursuing a policy extending maximum possible facilities to the tribal students to bring them at par with those from other areas of the country, the allocation given by the development board is in addition to the normal budgetary provision made each year for the development of schools and colleges of the region and also provide facilities to tribal students studying in various institutions from school to university level. The Government has also arranged reservation of seats for tribal students in medicine-engineering colleges and universities exempting them from tough competition for admission in such educational institutions the handout added.