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HSC exams begin today

Over 4 lakh examinees under 4 boards

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The Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSC) examinations begin today (Monday) with the participation of 4,08,045 students from 753 centres under four education boards of the country.

The number of examinees is up by 65,256 from last year's total of 3,42,789.

Of the total students appearing this year's examinations, 2,75,789 are male and 1,32,256 are female.

Also 73 students are appearing examinations at five overseas centres—Riyadh, Jeddah, Tripoli, Abu Dhabi and Doha of Qatar this year.

Of the total examinees, 75,818 are from science group. Of them, 60,082 are male and 15,736 are female. While 2,69,064 are appearing from humanities group. Of them, 1,58,833 are male and 1,10,231 female; 62,525 belong to commerce group. Of them, 56,682 are male and 5,843 are female. 191 are from agriculture group. Of them, 164 are male and 27 female. 392 students from Home Economics group are sitting for examinations. Of them, two are male and 390 are female. Only 55 students are appearing from Music group. Of them, 26 are male and 29 female.

Under the Dhaka Board, a total of 1,39,957 students are appearing in the examinations at 210 centres. Of the number, 91,827 are male and

48,130 are female.

In Dhaka city alone, a total of 42,450 students are sitting for examination at 31 centres. Of them, 25,389 are male and 17,061 are female.

Under Rajshahi Board, a total of 99,594 students are appearing at 201 centres. Of them, 70,192 are male and 29,402 are female.

A total of 91,240 students are sitting for examinations at 183 centres under Comilla Board. Of them, 61,096 are male and 30,144 are female.

Under Jessore Board, a total of 77,254 students are appearing from 159 centres. Of the total number, 52,674 are male and 24,580 are female.

One teacher will assist 20 students to fill in the cover of the script paper as all scripts will be checked by the computer this year, according to officials of the Education Ministry.

Meanwhile, all preparations have been made to conduct examinations peacefully across the country. Section 144 will be enforced around the centres to head off any untoward incident.

In Dhaka city, meanwhile, Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) has banned gathering of more than four persons within 200 yards of centre periphery.