

No school to raise quota

City students face acute admission problem

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A good number of children would not be able to get admitted to their favourite government and private schools of the city this year as the concerned authorities decided not to increase their roll-strength for lack of accommodation and other problems.

The city's government schools will distribute application forms from

January 1 to 7 next year. The admission tests of these schools will be held in three phases, of eight on each day on January 10, 11 and 12 respectively.

There are twenty-four government high schools in the city and these schools generally enrol students only for class I and class VI. The total enrolment capacity in those classes is over 2,500 and 1,000 respectively, and will remain the same this year as the school authorities have expressed their inability to enrol more students because of the shortage of teachers and accommodation problems, officials sources said. Most of the government schools run double shifts.

Majority of the city's prominent private schools excepting the Viqarunnesa Noon School will not increase the roll-strength this year. Viqarunnesa School, which faces the highest surge of admission seekers every year, has enhanced its roll-strength to 1,500 this year from the last year's 585.

Of the total of 24 government schools, five or six are well-known and they face a mad-rush of admission seekers every year. The government Laboratory School has an accommodation capacity of 200 students in class I, 50 in each of the four sections.

Talking to the Bangladesh Observer, the Headmaster of Government

Laboratory School, Md Delwar Hosain said that they would not take any student other than in class I as directed by the concerned government officials. "We are overburdened with students. If we take more students in any of the higher classes, they will have to attend classes standing on the floor", he said.

The Motijheel Government Boys' School which has a capacity of 160 students in two sections of class I and 120 students in two sections of class VI will take some fresh boys as per requirement against vacancies in the classes from class II to class IX this year.

The Motijheel Government Girls' High School will enrol a total of 325 new students from class V to class IX, said a senior teacher of the school.

Among the private schools, Viqarunnesa Noon School, Udayan, Motijheel Ideal and University Laboratory face the heavy rush of admission seekers every year.

The Viqarunnesa Noon School has decided to enrol about 1,500 new students in classes ranging from class I to IX. The school authorities have opened up two new sections raising the total number of sections of class I to eleven. They have constructed a new class building inside the main school compound at Bailey Road.

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This year, the authorities have received about 9,175 applications for 1,500 seats. The admission tests which started on December 20, will continue till December 27, school official sources said.

The Udayan School has already completed the enrolment of new students in Kindergarten (KG) class as it usually enrolls every year. A total of 666 children appeared at the admission test for 150 seats.

Any causal vacancy in higher classes will be filled-up as per demand during the month of January, said an official.

The Motijheel Ideal School will start distribution of admission forms on December 27. It will enrol a total of 120 fresh students in three sections of class I including in its Rampura Banasree Unit. In other classes, from class II to IX, some 280 students will be enrolled, the official said.