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**Admission test in schools****35,000 students vying for 7,000 seats****Staff Correspondent**

The guardians in the capital city are in the grip of great anxieties as the admission tests in different city schools have already started putting the children in a tough competition. Apart from the good private schools, the students have to face tough contest for seat in the government schools as well. Five students are vying for a one seat in every government schools.

According to sources at the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education, a total of 35,000 students are vying for only 7,000 seats in 24 government schools in the city.

Admission tests in the city's government schools began on Sunday. On the first day, admission test was held in eight out of the total 24 government schools. Admission test of eight schools will be held today (Monday) and the remaining eight will be held tomorrow (Tuesday). The schools taking admission test today (Monday) are Motijheel Boys High School, Government Muslim School, Bangla Bazar Government School, Dhanmondi Girls School, Narinda High School and Armanitola High School. Admission test in Dhanmondi Boys High School, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Government Girls High School, Collegiate School, Qumrunnesa Girls High School, Tejgaon Girls

School, Tejgaon Boys School and Ganobhaban High School will be held tomorrow (Tuesday). The admission test from class one to class five are scheduled to be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon while the admission test from class six to class nine from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. The result of the admission tests will be published within three days after the completion of the admission tests.

Besides, admission tests in a number of good private schools including Viqarunnesa Noon School, Holy Cross School, Agrani Girls School and Udayan School have already been completed. The first phase of the admission test in Azimpur Girls School has been completed. The second and third phase of the examinations will be held after the completion of examinations in good schools in the city, school sources said.

Meanwhile, authorities of some reputed schools alleged that the political leaders and high government officials are making phone call to them to ensure seats for their nearest and dearest ones. "Everyday we are receiving many telephone calls from the high ups of the society in which they are requesting us for a seat for their kith and kin", said a head mistress of reputed city school.

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**Students vying**

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The guardians are taking admission forms from four to five reputed schools for their children to ensure a seat for them in a quality school as the standard of education is not up to the mark in most of the schools in the city. Abed Abdullah, father of a student seeking admission in Government Laboratory School said, "There are many schools in the city but there is dearth of quality schools." He also said that most of the schools do not even care if any student refrains from attending school regularly. "There are many English medium schools in the city most of which are taking huge amount of money as tuition and other fees but the quality education of those schools is not commendable," he added.

The number of total schools in the city is about 300. There are hardly 10 to 12 schools in the city where heavy rush of guardians and students is seen, as the standard of education provided by the schools is comparatively better than those of the others. The guardians are keenly interested to admit their children in good schools because those schools have some extra academic curricula that include special training on dancing, singing and sports.

However, the admission tests in almost all the city schools will be completed by the end of this month and the remaining schools will complete their admission procedures by mid January.