

## SSC exams begin today

By A Staff Reporter

The Secondary School Certificate (SSC) Examinations of 1988 under four education boards of Dhaka, Comilla, Rajshahi and Jessore will begin today (Thursday).

A total of 4 lakh 16 thousand and 61 candidates are appearing in the SSC examinations this year from four education boards. Of them, 1 lakh 29 thousand and 599 candidates are girls.

The number of candidates this year has increased by about 86 thousand or about 18.35 per cent more than last year.

A total of 1,26,161 students including 42,197 girls, the highest number of candidates among four education boards, are appearing in the SSC examinations from Dhaka Board. This is about 13 thousand more than last year.

Of the total 59,143 students including 9,455 girls are appearing from Science Group and 62,262 students including 30,718 girls from Humanities Group, and the rest 4,756 candidates

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including 2,027 girls are private examinees, according to a Dhaka Board press release.

From Comilla Board 1,01,397 candidates including 31,550 girls are appearing 98,956 including 27,556 girls are appearing from Rajshahi Board and 89,547 including 28,296 girls from Jessore Board.

According to official sources, preparations for holding the SSC examinations in 475 centres including seven overseas centres under four education boards have been completed. Question papers and answer sheets have already been sent to the examination centres.

There are 123 including seven overseas centres in Dhaka Board, 127 in Rajshahi Board, 113 in Comilla Board and 105 in Jessore Board.

The overseas centres for the SSC examinations this year are in Abu Dhabi, Doha, Kuwait, Jeddha, Riyadh, Tripoli and Canberra.

According to the official sources the local civil administration and the institutions where the examinations will be held have taken necessary measures for smooth and peaceful holding of the SSC examinations throughout the country. Authorities has banned assembly of more than four persons within 200 yards of examination centres during the examination hours from today.

Many candidates from far-flung areas have taken shelter either in rented houses or in the residence of relatives in district and upazila headquarters to appear in the examinations. Female candidates from remote areas have faced serious problem in finding accommodation in the district and upazila headquarters due to inadequate facility and high rates, it is learnt.

### DHAKA CITY

The number of candidates appearing in the SSC Examinations this year from 32 sub-centres under five zones in Dhaka city are 18,631 including 9,094 girls. Of them, 11,341 candidates including 4,563 girls are from Science Group and 7,290 candidates including 3,849 girls are from humanities group, according to official sources.

### NO CENTRE AT GUNABOTI UPAZILA

BSS reports: The government has decided that there will not be any centres of SSC

Examinations, beginning today, at Gunaboti under Chowddagram upazila in Comilla district.

There will not be any centres for the examination at that place, an Education Ministry Press release said Wednesday.

The government has taken the action following behaviour of some people hostile to law and order and an incident relating to SSC examination centre at Gunaboti.

Besides, the government has decided to withdraw all financial help and support to Gunaboti High School, the press release added.