

SSC, equivalent exams begin

6,828 students skip first day exams

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A TOTAL of 6,826 candidates were absent on the opening day of the Secondary School Certificate and its equivalent examinations that began across the country on Monday.

The education ministry control room also said that seven students were expelled on the day for adopting unfair means in the exam.

The students of the general education board took Bangla first paper exam on the day while madrassah students took Quran Majid, Tasbid paper exam.

This year, 16,51,523 students are sitting for the examinations at 3,143 centres.

Of them, 13,04,274 are taking SSC exams under eight general education boards while 2,48,865 are sitting for Dakhil under Madrassah Education Board and 98,384 for SSC (vocational) under Bangladesh Technical Education Board, respectively.

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Of the total examinees, 8,42,933 are males and 8,04,990 females.

The written examinations will end on March 8 while the practical tests will be held from March 9 to March 14.

The education minister Nurul Islam Nahid, while visiting Tejgaon Government Girls' College centre urged students not to pay heed to any rumours over question leak.

'A vested quarter is trying to create confusion among examinees by circulating false questions thorough facebook and we have already asked BTRC to take stern actions against them,' he said.

Nahid said the government has taken all possible measures to stop any question leakage.

The potential question pilferage suspects, such as, some coaching centres and Xerox shops, have been put under intelligence surveillance, he said.