

HSC admissions close today, result on Jun 16

11.78 lakh take forms

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THE circulation and submission of admission forms for enrolling with colleges, madrassahs and technical education institutes for higher secondary courses will end today.

The distribution of forms began on May 26 and till 1.30pm of Wednesday about 11.78 lakh aspirant students had collected admission forms applying online or through the short message service on mobile phones, said officials.

The collection and submission of admission forms will conclude today, said Dhaka education board college in-

spector Asfaqus Salehin.

He said the list of candidates eligible for admission at colleges will be published on June 16.

The students will be enrolled based on their secondary exam results. Colleges are now conducting the admission process online. Students not applying online are also allowed to submit forms using SMS, officials said.

A student can choose ten colleges through a single admission form while the education boards will designate him/her to an institution and publish the result online.

Officials said that of the 11.78 lakh applicants, 8.55 lakh used the internet while

the rest used SMS.

They added that 3.80 lakh students applied to enter colleges under Dhaka education board, 1.39 lakh aspirants applied for colleges under Rajshahi education board, 1.19 lakh students applied for colleges under Dinajpur Board, 1.18 lakh for colleges under Jessore board, 1.15 lakh for colleges under Comilla board, 1.03 lakh for colleges under Chittagong board, 66 thousand for colleges under Sylhet board, 59 thousand for colleges under Barisal board, 85 thousand for college level institutes under technical education board and 95 madrassahs under madrassah board.

Ashfaqus Salehin said that many seats would remain vacant at lesser known and new colleges across the country.

He said that 4,500 colleges and madrassahs across the country offer about 19 lakh seats in Class XI.

According to this year's SSC results, 14.53 lakh students passed the SSC and equivalent exams this year.

The government introduced comprehensive online admission system last year for students who successfully passed their secondary exams, but they faced hassle and complication in getting admission.

One problem many stu-

dents faced was that the boards in many cases assigned colleges to science students that did not have science courses at all.

Candidates can apply online by paying Tk 150.

Eighty nine percent of the seats at colleges in divisional and district headquarters will remain open to all. Of the rest, five percent will be reserved under the 'freedom fighters' quota', three per cent for students outside of the division and district, two per cent for children of officials of the education ministry and other offices under it, and one per cent for children of expatriate Bangladeshis and students of BKSP.