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## JSC, JDC examinees double in 10 years: minister

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Education minister Dipu Moni. — New Age file photo

Education minister Dipu Moni on Tuesday said the number of examinees in Junior School Secondary Certificate and its equivalent examinations almost doubled in last 10 years.

The minister also hinted change in evaluation system of the examinations from next year introducing Grade Point Average 4 instead of current GPA 5.

She was speaking at a press conference at the ministry to brief journalists about the upcoming JSC and JDC examinations which were scheduled to be held between November 2 and November 13.

Dipu Moni also said in 2010, when the JSC and JDC examinations introduced, the number of examinees was 14,92,802 and this year number rose to 26,61,682. It became possible for the initiatives taken by the government, she said.

The minister said there should be more six lakh examinees but they became dropout in past three years after they passed primary education completion and equivalent examinations.

She requested the guardians not to go for any illegal means and added that stern actions would be taken if someone involved in any illegal activities such as question paper leak during the examinations.

This year around 22,60,716 lakh students were scheduled to sit for JSC examinations and 4,00,966 students for JDC examinations, according to the ministry.

The number of the candidates decreased by 8,651 this year compared with the previous year.

In 2019, the number of female examinees is higher than the number of males. Out of total 26,61,682 candidates 14,39,987 are girls and 12,21,695 are boys.

The numbers of irregular students participating in JSC examinations are 2,33,310 and in JDC examination 30,291.

The numbers of total institutions and exam centres are 29,262 and 2,982 respectively while the number of institutions decreased this year from 29,677 in 2018.

All coaching centres were asked to remain closed between October 25 and November 18 to ward off question paper leaks.

The students have to enter the centres at least 30 minutes before examinations while no electronic device would be allowed in 200 metre radius of the centres during the examinations.



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