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HSC exams to be held with common question papers

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The education ministry on Wednesday has taken decision to hold Higher Secondary Certificate and equivalent examinations with common question papers this year.

Till now the country's 11 education boards have been holding the exams with separate question papers.



The minister is also considering holding the Secondary School Certificate, Higher Secondary Certificate and equivalent examinations by December 31 every year to save time in the students' academic life.

Plan is also under consideration to reduce the number of subjects for the SSC and HSC exams.

The issues were discussed at an opinion sharing meeting on the day with minister for education and primary and mass education ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon attending as chief guest.

The opinion sharing meeting on organising the 2026 HSC and equivalent examinations smoothly was held at the Secondary and Higher Education Division conference room at the Bangladesh Secretariat in the capital.

The chairs of all the 11 education boards attended the meeting, as the ministry is planning to carry out a set of reform measures.

A press release issued by the education ministry on Wednesday read that decision was taken to conduct the 2026 HSC examinations with a common question paper under all the 11 boards.

The issue of mandatory installation of closed circuit cameras in every examination room to ensure transparency was also discussed.

The release also reads that the government is mulling to take measures to help reduce loss of time in the students' academic life by holding SSC and HSC exams by December 31 every year.

Currently, students appear in both SSC and HSC exams the following year after completion of all classes and courses the previous year.

‘As a result, students lose about two years in their academic life,’ it reads, adding ‘It is a big loss in the lives of students and our national life as well.’

To address the issue, the Wednesday meeting had a detailed discussion regarding whether SSC and HSC exams could be held by December 31, according to the release.

To examine the matter and the feasibility of holding the board exams by end of year, a high-level committee would be formed, the meeting decided.

The education board chairs were further instructed at the meeting to identify the actual condition and problems of the centres where the forthcoming SSC examination would be held in April.

‘There is no alternative to a cheating-free environment for the intellectual development of students,’ the minister said.

He added that a fair examination system would be developed through exchanging views with the examination centre secretaries and local administration.

The meeting was chaired by Secondary and Higher Education Division secretary Abdul Khalek with other senior officials of the ministry being present.

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