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## Attendance discrepancies reported in GST admission test results

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Allegations of statistical inconsistencies have surfaced in the published results of the GST (general, science and technology) cluster admission test for the 2025–26 academic session under the ‘A’ (Science) unit, with 53 candidates reportedly shown present despite not appearing in the examination.

The discrepancy was confirmed on Wednesday by Professor Dr Monjurul Haque, secretary of the admission core committee and acting registrar of Islamic University in Kushtia.



This year, Islamic University is leading the admission core committee formed to conduct the cluster admission test for 20 public universities across the country.

Professor Monjurul Haque said that the data was received from the Dhaka University examination centre and might contain errors.

'We received verbal data, which may include inconsistencies. We are rechecking the information,' he said.

According to published figures, 1,66,162 students applied for the admission test, of whom 1,25,938 appeared, accounting for 75.79 per cent attendance.

But earlier data showed 1,25,885 candidates appeared (75.76 per cent), creating a mismatch of 53 candidates.

Inconsistencies were also found in pass rate calculations.

While official results show that 38,088 candidates scored 30 marks or above, indicating a 30 per cent pass rate, recalculated figures suggest 30.24 per cent.

The number of candidates scoring below 30 marks was reported as 87,740, with minor variations in percentage figures.

Attendance records also differed slightly: earlier figures put absentees at 40,277 (24.24 per cent), while revised data show 40,224 (24.20 per cent), reflecting a difference of 53 candidates.

Officials said that 110 answer scripts were cancelled due to errors in roll numbers and identification details.

Meanwhile, M Tawkir Siddiqi Ishti of Mohammadpur Government College in Dhaka secured the first position in the merit list with 87 marks, while the lowest score recorded in the test was minus 14.25.

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