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SSC exams start today

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Secondary School Certificate and its equivalent examinations are beginning today across the country.

On the first day, examinations will be held on Bangla (compulsory) first paper and Easy Bangla first paper subjects under the nine general boards, Quran Majid and Tazvid subject under the madrassah education board and Bangla (2) subject under the technical education board from 10:00am.



This is the first public examination under the Bangladesh Nationalist Party-led government in its current tenure.

The exams are going to be held in a situation when the country is reeling with load shedding amid scorching summer heat making everyday life increasingly hard.

This year around 18.57 lakh examinees from 30,666 educational institutions are scheduled to sit for the exams at 3,885 centres.

Controller of examinations Professor SM Kamal Uddin Hyder of the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Dhaka said that around 18.95 lakh regular students completed registration for the examinations.

Of them around 14.48 lakh students filled in the forms as regular examinees to sit for the exams, while the rest around 4.47 lakh did not fill in the forms as regular examinees and so will not appear in the examinations, according to the examination controller.

Professor Kamal Uddin Hyder further said that along with the regular ones about 4.08 lakh irregular examinees are also taking part in the SSC exams.

On Monday at a press briefing held at Bangladesh Secretariat on the SSC and its equivalent examinations, education minister ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon said that this year in Dhaka city the examinees would be allowed to enter the exam centres from 8:00am.

The decision was taken in response to a request from the Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner to avoid traffic congestion, he said.

Usually the exam centres open to the examinees from 9:00am, an hour before the exam starts at 10:00am and allow students to enter till 9:30am.

The minister also said that the education ministry would not tolerate if any employees were found involved in corruption.

A corrupt employee would not be kept even for 24 hours at the ministry, he said, adding that he suspended one due to that reason on the day.

He also said that they were planning to hold the next SSC and its equivalent exams from December though he did not confirm the plan.

The number of examiners will be increased to check the answer papers of this year's SSC and equivalent examinations, he further said.

Ehsanul Hoque continued that they would scrutinise some answer papers randomly to find if there was any negligence in checking by the examiners, and also to stop the practice by some examiners to have checked the papers by others through 'leasing them out'.

The briefing was attended, among others, by the prime minister's education and primary and mass education ministry affairs adviser Mahdi Amin and Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education director general (additional charge) Professor Khan Moinuddin Al Mahmud Sohel.

This year the education minister also instructed for installing closed-circuit television cameras at every room of the exam centres.

The education ministry also gave some instructions for field-level officials concerned that include: activating the currently inoperative CCTV cameras; preserving all CCTV footage; hanging a clock with hands in every exam room; deploying sufficient security personnel at all centres; ensuring that no teacher or examinee can use mobile phones in the exam halls except the centre secretary; preventing all types of cheating, including by body search of the examinees; posting special instructions at the main gate of the exam centres for examinees and guardians; ensuring adequate lighting and ventilation at all exam centres; and taking strict legal action in cases of violation.

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