

SSC exams begin today

By A Staff Reporter

The Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination of 1986 under four education boards in the country begins today (Thursday).

A total of 3,69,904 candidates including 1,08,595 girls are expected to sit for the examination in 572 centres. Three overseas centres under Dhaka Board were also opened in London, Jeddah and Tripoli, according to examination control room.

Of the total candidates, the highest number—1,11,783 including 35,436 girls are expect-

ed to take part from 136 centres in Dhaka Board.

In Dhaka city a total of 16 thousand candidates are taking part in the examination from 41 centres under five zones.

Government Laboratory High School, Dhanmondi, Government Boys High School, Motijheel, Government High School, Government Muslim High School and Mirpur Bengali Medium High School will work as the main five centres of five zones in the city, according to Dhaka Board authorities.

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Guardians look for seats of their wards who appear at the SSC examinations. — Times.

Ershad urges teachers to join duties

to the President Dr Fazle Rabbee Chowdhury and State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Shawfiqul Ghani Swapan.

President Ershad said from his firm conviction that teachers being the architect of future generation are the most respected persons in the society. He has with pleasure accepted the office of the Chairman of Bangladesh Teachers Association Federation to come to their aid. So far the government has extended a number of financial benefits to the teachers including the private school and college teachers to ameliorate their condition and establish them in an honourable position in society.

Listing the measures, he said arrangements have been made for providing 60 per cent of revised basic salary, enhanced house rent and medical allowances and two additional increments for the private school teachers from government source. Never in the past, the teachers of the private school got so much benefits from government exchequer, he pointed out.

The President observed that the deliberate actions of the private schools teachers this time amounts to loosing of a valuable year from the academic life of the students. He told the teachers to ask their conscience whether it is logical on their part to pay-off their debt to society in such a negative manner of resorting to strike when society has done so much for them.

RANGPUR, March 5: President H M Ershad said here today that Secondary School Certificate Examinations will be held as scheduled and all arrangements have been made in this regard, reports BSS.

He said the government cannot allow ruining of a valuable academic year of lakhs of SSC examinees at the whim of a section of teachers. He hoped that the private school teachers will join their duties immediately in the greater national interest.

The President was addressing a mammoth public meeting at the collectorate maidan here. The meeting was also addressed by Jute Minister M A Sattar, Land Administration and Land Reforms Minister Mayeedul Islam, Adviser

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An official in-charge of the central control room told the Times that a total of 90,482 candidates from 153 centres in Rajshahi Board, 86,665 from 142 centres in Comilla Board and 80,974 from 141 centres in Jessore Board were expected to take part in the examination.

According to official sources all administrative arrangements and preparations have been completed for conducting the examination peacefully throughout the country.

A Total of 64 officials from the Education Directorate were sent to the districts for necessary coordination with the district administration. All the district education officers were placed under the district administration's command for effective coordination and necessary arrangement.

Messages from more than 50 district received at control room till 10 p.m. on Wednesday night showed that necessary preparations were completed and examinations would be held peacefully, according to control room source.

Besides the central control room at the office of Director General of Secondary and Higher Education, four more control rooms were set up in four boards for smooth coordination of the examination, the source said.

An official of the Ministry of Education told the Times that in case of any dislocation candidates would be able to collect their admit cards by showing their school identity card or pay-receipt at their respective centres.

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President Ershad said that it appeared from the recent behaviour of the private school teachers that only to perpetuate their own selfish interest they being very respected and responsible section of the society are indulging in strike ignoring the cause of their students who are like their own children.

He said he always tells the students that their teachers are next to their parents. But what the students and guardians will think now of the teachers, who had seemingly confined themselves within the limits of selfish interest, he queried.

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RAJSHAH

Our Rajshahi Correspondent adds: District authorities from 16 districts under Rajshahi Board informed of their full preparation to conduct the examination smoothly, according to Controller of the Board.

Meanwhile, the Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Putia was assaulted by striking teachers and students on Wednesday morning. Glasses of his jeep was damaged by the mob.

Examination centres at Geda-gari, Bhagha and Bagmara under Rajshahi were also ransacked by striking teachers and their student supporters on the day.

NARAYANGANJ

All preparations for holding the examination in Narayanganj district were completed by Wednesday and students were supplied with their admit cards, according to Our Narayanganj Correspondent.

Examinations in Narayanganj will be held at 9 centres.

According to Our Manikganj Correspondent 500 candidates are appearing from 8 centres in seven upazilas under the district.

More than 90 per cent candidates were supplied with their admit cards by Wednesday and the rest will get their cards at their respective centres today (Thursday).

CHITTAGONG

In Chittagong, preparations for holding SSC examinations at 33 centres of the district today have been completed, according to examination control room source.