

Movement around centres restricted SSC examinations begin Thursday

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The Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations begin from Thursday under the country's five education boards.

A total of 7,47,753 students under Dhaka, Rajshahi, Comilla, Jessore and Chittagong boards are appearing in this year's examinations. Of them 4,71,757 are regular who are sitting for the examinations under a new syllabus introduced first time this year while the rest 2,75,996 are irregular ones who will follow the old syllabus, board official sources said.

Out of the total 7,47,753 students, 4,32,367 are male and 3,15,386 are female.

Under Dhaka Board, a total of 2,16,744 examinees—1,21,964 males and 96,780 females—are sitting for the examinations. Of them 1,29,985 are regular and 86,759 are irregular students. A total of 220 examination centres including five overseas centres have been set up for holding the examinations in a peaceful atmosphere. Five overseas centres are in Riyadh, Jeddah, Doha (Qatar),

Dubai and Tripoli. In Dhaka city examinations will be held in 82 centres.

The number of examinees under Rajshahi Board is 2,08,801. Of them, 1,27,666 male and 81,135 are female. The number of regular and irregular examinees under this board is 1,30,859 and 77,942. The examinations will be held in 221 centres.

Under Comilla Board, a total of 1,23,322 students—68,032 male and 55,290 female candidates—are appearing in the examinations from 168 centres. Of the examinees, 87,213 are regular and 36,109 are irregular students.

Officials of Jessore Board said, a total of 1,36,618 students, 80,956 male and 55,662 female, are appearing in the examinations from 150 centres. Out of the total examinees, 79,599 are regular and 57,019 are irregular students.

Under Chittagong Board, a total of 62,268 examinees—33,759 male and 28,519 female candidates—are

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sitting for the examinations from 80 centres. Of the total students, 44,101 are regular while 18,167 are irregular students.

The board authorities have completed all arrangements to hold the examinations in a peaceful atmosphere. Admit cards, question papers and answer scripts have already been sent to all examinations centres, board officials said.

Talking to the Bangladesh Observer Chairman of Dhaka Board Prof Md Tozammel Hossain said they have taken all possible measures to check any leakage of question papers and requested the guardians and examinees not to be misguided with any rumour of question paper leakage. In this connection he said such rumour had not only affected the examinees but also placed the board authorities under sharp criticism. He said some special vigilance teams have been constituted and the members of these teams will make surprise visit to 'sensitive examination centres' to check unfair means.

Meanwhile, the Dhaka Metropolitan Police have imposed restriction on assembly of at least four persons together within two-hundred yards of the examination centres during the examination hours.