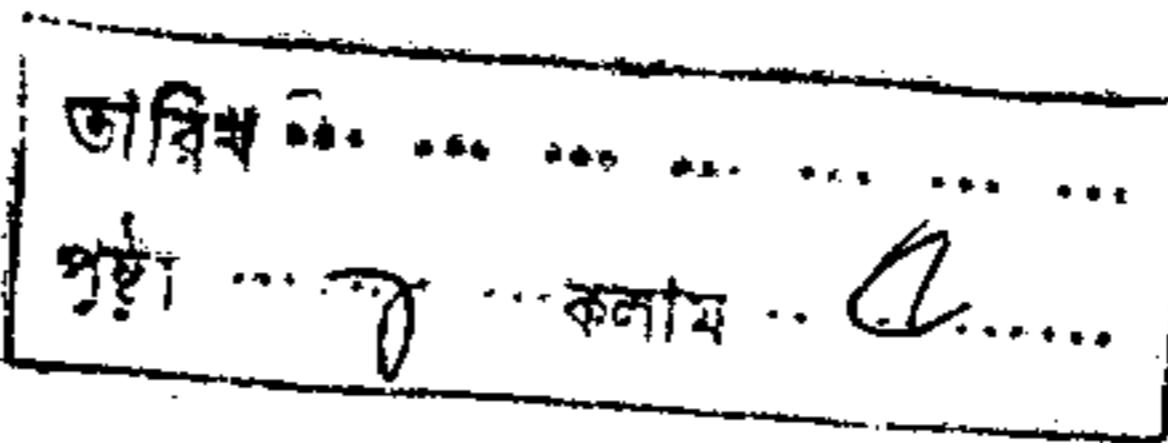


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Degree exam begins today

Degree Pass and Subsidiary examinations 2000 under the National University are beginning today (Saturday) across the country under strict prohibitive measures, says UNB.

A total of 3.21 lakh examinees are appearing at the exams in 602 centres under six divisions of the country.

Some 253,846 examinees are to sit for the Pass and Certificate courses while 67,426 for Subsidiary examination.

Among the examinees, 171,943 are male while remaining 81,903 female.

This year some 112,598 are sitting for BA, 83,911 for BSS, 19,866 for BSc, 34,641 for BCom, 33 for BMus and some 2,797 for Certificate courses.

This year, the NU authorities will take special examination for the examinees from the flood-hit southwestern areas districts. Date for their examinations will be announced soon and the authorities already started various activities, including question formulation.

As a step against unfair means, the seats of the examinees have been arranged in colleges adjacent to their institutions in all the divisional headquarters, like capital Dhaka, not in their own colleges.

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and 64 high-powered mobile teams, comprising teachers from various universities and colleges.

Moreover, they requested the Deputy Commissioners to form supervising teams, led by magistrates, in local areas as part of the crusade against the rot.

Paramilitary forces would be deployed in the trouble-prone examination centres and where the number of examinees will be high, aiming to control law-and-order situation.

The NU authorities cautioned all concerned so that nobody can sell fake question papers illegally in the name of question leakage.

"Stern action will be taken against those who will create anarchy in the examination centres, disturb law and order or assault teachers, vigilance team members and other officials," the newly appointed NU Vice Chancellor, Prof Durgadas Bhattacharya, told UNB on Friday.