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Admission-seekers even with 1st Div in HSC face stiff competition

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Despite poor pass percentage in this year's Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations, the admission seekers, having first division in the HSC, are facing stiff competition to get themselves admitted in a famous educational institution.

The number of seats in the institutions like public and private universities and Medical Colleges, BUET and BITS is merely 24,000 whereas the number of students securing First Divisions in this year's HSC examinations is 40,810.

Nearly 17 thousand students who passed in first division will now be forced to look for admission in honours or degree level colleges which are also very few in number.

A total of 1,86,234 students passed in the HSC examinations from five Education Boards of the country. Of them, 40,810 got first division 1,07,444 second division and 20,967 third division. A total of 2,90,627 students passed in the HSC exams held in 1999. Of them 68,674 got first division, 1,79,954 second division and 12,882 secured third division. The percentage of pass in the HSC exams in year 2000 is 40.58 while it was 53.40 in 1999.

According to Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics

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reau of Education Information and Statistics (BANBEIS) accommodation capacities in nine public universities, 13 government medical colleges, four engineering colleges and one college of leather technology are only 17,200. There are 6,800 seats in private universities and private medical colleges.

The process for admission in 1st year honours classes in session 2000-2001 has already started in different universities, medical colleges and honours level colleges. It is expected to be completed by December this year.

The date for application in Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) ended on October 10 while Dhaka University, Jahangirnagar University, Rajshahi University, Chittagong University, Bangladesh Agricultural University, Khulna University, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology and Islamic University have started distributing forms for admission.

Sources in the Director General of Health said distribution of application forms for the government medical colleges would begin in December.

Dhaka University started selling admission forms from October 9 and asked the admission seekers to submit it by October 24. The date of admission test is scheduled as follows:- "Ka" Unit (Science Group) November 10, "Kha" Unit (Arts Group) November 17, "Ga" Unit (Commerce Group) November 3 and "Gha" Unit (combined) November 24.

Agricultural University, Mymensingh will distribute admission forms for 2000-2001 session from October 15 to November 2. The admission forms have to be submitted to the concerned section of the university by November 9.

Chittagong university has already started distribution of admission forms from October 11 and will continue it till October 22. The last date of submission of admission forms is October 24.

The last date of distribution of admission forms by Jahangirnagar university ended on Wednesday. The students have to submit the forms by October 24. The admission tests of different units of the university will be held from October 29 to November 7 and the results will be published on December 13.

Distribution of admission forms by Rajshahi University started on October 1. The last date of distribution and collection of the forms is October 19.

Distribution of admission forms of Islamic University began on October 10. November 15 has been fixed as last date of collection and submission of admission forms. The Admission Test will begin on November 23.