

# No move yet to enhance seats Chances of admission in colleges still bleak

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CHITTAGONG, July 1: - The government even after repeated requests from different quarters did take no step for enhancing seats at the public institutes of higher secondary education forcing the admission seekers future life in jeopardy.

The government's response in rebuilding facilities for higher secondary education in the public colleges is not only frustrating but

also been dubbed as the planned move to make secondary education costlier to the ordinary ones.

Academics, teachers and guardians believed that if the government could introduce double-shifts in the renowned public colleges including private colleges apart from establishing more public colleges, uncertainty over admission in HSC level would have been addressed to some

extent.

They suggested improvement in private colleges standard apart from ensuring affordable tuition fees so that the brilliant students can get quality institutions with affordable cost.

Private colleges, which have already made higher education costlier than ever, are now taking the advantage of the situation and

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limiting secondary education for the moneymaker's children.

Though majority of the secondary education seekers come from ordinary families, there is hardly any practical move from the state for letting the dreams of the ordinary masses come true.

A statistical analysis only on the GPA-4 to top-scoring - GPA-5 SSC holder numbering more than 15 thousand (15158) gives us rather a pale picture of gross enrolment denial at the prestigious public colleges simply for want of required seats.

The ultimate fate of the average scorers will even go worst when nearly 72.62 percent examinees have become successful in the SSC examinations this year which is the highest achievement so far for the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Chittagong.

A significant number of excellent-scorers may also require giving up their choice for renowned public colleges in Chittagong and in the capital city.

However, the education ministry has also decided to reserving 10 per cent seats in the top public colleges in Dhaka for the potential entrants from rural areas.

Rapid growth in the success rates in the SSC level is virtually narrowing the opportunities of relatively affordable secondary education in reputed public colleges.

Though parents are proud of the brilliant results of their children, they hardly can skip the worries of the upcoming struggle of college enrolment.

"It's the need of the time to enhance the intake volume at the public colleges," a proud but wor-

ried father commented.

Asif Tanvir Pritu, a GPA-5 scorer, told this correspondent, "the brilliant results are really making us ambitious despite pain for entry at prestigious colleges."

According to a recent statistics, some 4,800 seats are available for the would-be HSC holders in five public colleges of the port city whereas 15,158 students achieved GPA-4 to GPA-5 (Grade Point Average) this year.

The five public colleges are Chittagong College (750 seats), Haji Mohammad Mohsin College (12,00 seats), City College (1500), Commerce College (600) and Nasirabad Women College (750).