

## JSC, JDC exams begin Sunday

*4.79 lakh students dropped out*

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EXAMINATIONS of Junior School Certificate and equivalent Junior Dakhil Certificate are scheduled to begin on Sunday with more than 23 lakh students taking part.

JSC examinees under the eight general education boards and JDC examinees under a madrassah education board are set to sit for Bengali first and Tasbid papers respectively on the first day.

This year, about 4.79 lakh students under various education boards dropped out before completing their eighth grades. A total of 26,70,935 students had passed Primary Education Completion examinations and equivalent Ibtedayi exams in 2012 who were supposed to take the JSC exams this year. However, now, 21,92,364 regular students are going to appear in the JSC exams.

In the current year, a total of 23,25,933 students are taking JSC and JDC exams and of them 1,33,569 are irregular students.

Of the total students, 12,43,263 were girls.

They all belong to 28,632 schools and madrassahs and

that they will sit at 2,627 centers across the country. About 19.67 lakh students are appearing in the JSC while 3.58 lakh in the JDC exams respectively.

Education minister Nurul Islam Nahid at a press briefing on Thursday dismissed any chances of leaking question papers due what he said to strong security measures the government has taken.

He said the government will intensify its vigil over the coaching centers across the country.

Allegations of question leaks in the public examinations became a regular phenomenon in the recent years.

The Dhaka Board had set up a probe committee to investigate into allegations of JSC question leakage but did not find any proof in 2013.

Many in the government believed that a syndicate was involved with question pilferages and its circulation using social media sites and mobile phone SMS.

Education secretary Nazrul Islam Khan, other senior officials of the ministry and board chairmen attended the press conference.

Exams will end on November 18.