

BUET, MEDICAL AND DENTAL COLLEGES

Students worried about admission

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OVER one lakh science students, one third of whom scored the highest grade point average 5 in this year's higher secondary certificate and equivalent examinations are facing extreme uncertainty over admission to institutions of higher education particularly BUET and

the medical colleges.

Obviously, many of the students have been looking forward to seek admission into the coveted medical colleges and Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology.

And many of them said that they were worried after the government suddenly changed the system admis-

sion for the medical and dental colleges.

The government decision left the admission seekers in total uncertainty about the future of their education.

The government's failure to end the BUET stalemate was also likely to delay the admission process of the prestigious university.

On August 12, the government announced its decision to discontinue with the time tested system of holding admission tests for admitting students into medical and dental colleges.

And instead, the government said, students would be admitted to medical and dental colleges on the basis

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of their results in SSC and HSC examinations.

Students, their guardians as well as educationists fear that the new system of admission into medical and dental colleges would leave scope for the authorities to manipulate the process.

The stalemate facing BUET continues with the teachers sticking to their demand for the removal of vice chancellor SM Nazrul Islam and pro vice chancellor Habibur Rahman.

Out of 101,675 science group students who passed the HSC examinations, taken by eight education boards this year, 30,123 scored GPA 5.

And 5,500 examinees scored GPA 5 in all subjects including the fourth subject.

'My son is worried as he does not know when BUET would admit students' said Rakib Uddin Khan who lives at Mohammadpur.

Saiful Islam is worried as he does not know whether or not the admission tests would be held in medical and dental colleges.

Thousands of students scored top GPAs. If the admission tests were held, I could try my best,' said Saiful who scored GPA 5 in both SSC and HSC.

Science students pointed out the differences in the system of admission tests for medical and BUET.

For admission to BUET students have to answer mathematics questions but not so for the medical admission seekers, they said.

Admitting students into

Dental and medical colleges would not be transparent as it would create scope for corruption, said Farzana Akhter.

Ashiqur Rahman, another student, said the government had unnecessarily discontinued with the time tested system of admission test.

The health minister, Ruhul Haque, said that as the matter was pending with the High Court, the government would go by its order.

BUET has 965 seats and the medical and dental colleges have 8,493 seats, including 2,811 seats with 22 government medical colleges and 4,245 with 53 private medical colleges.

The country's nine government dental colleges offer 567 seats and 14 private dental colleges have 870 seats.