

SSC exams begin today
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THE Secondary School Certificate and equivalent dakhil and vocational examinations will begin today with students taking the Bangla first paper exams.

This year, 13,03,203 students, 6,68,268 boys and 6,34,935 girls from 27,073 institutions, have registered to take the exams at 2,758 centres.

In 2012, however, 14,20,057 students took the exams.

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 Nurul Islam Nahid, at a press briefing at the ministry on Wednesday told reporters that all preparations had been completed for the examinations.

Nahid will visit the Azimpur Girls High School centre this morning.

This time, 186,763 students, 14.76 per cent of the students who had registered in Class IX, have dropped

out before the exams.

Of the total examinees, 9,89,817 students have registered to take the SSC exams under the eight general education boards, 2,25,026 students to take the dakhil examinations under the Madrassah Education Board and 88,360 to take SSC vocational exams under the Technical Education Board.

A total of 293 overseas students will also take the

exams in seven overseas centres under the Dhaka education board.

About 2,21,830 students will take exams as irregular examinees and 2,437 others will repeat the exams to improve their grades.

Students with disabilities will get a 20-minute extra time for each paper in the exam halls, the minister said.

The written exams will

end on March 5 and practical exams will begin on March 6 and results would be published in 60 days after the exams.

This year, students will take the examinations under the creative question system in almost all subjects. The system was introduced in 2010 when students had taken the exams only in two subjects under the system.