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Worries over seat crisis in colleges

# GPA-5 scorers admission thru tests suggested

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CHITTAGONG, Jun. 14--Several thousand top-scoring (GPA-5) high school graduates (SSC) will be denied enrolment at the prestigious public colleges across the country this year reportedly for want of accommodation.

This year, 25,732 students have achieved GPA-5 (grade point average), the highest since the introduction of grading system in 2002.

Limited accommodation will not only leave a large number of brilliant graduates out of the re-

puted institutions but also frustrate them to a large extent.

Worried Parents and guardians demanded for holding admission test to ensure equal scope to the students who are waiting for enrolling themselves in country's prestigious colleges.

Rapid growth in the success rates of the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) over the recent years has virtually made the scope of relatively affordable education

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slimmer as the numbers of public colleges did not increase remarkably.

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

"It has become a need of the time to enhance accommodations at the public colleges and other private reputed institutions to ensure better education," Sayeda Rafia Sultana, mother of a successful student said while expressing his concern.

Mohammad Nasir Uddin who secured GPA-5, told The Bangladesh Observer, "Result of the SSC refreshes the destiny of the youths. I'm happy over my result but not yet free from anxiety of placing myself at my cherished institution."

According to Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information and Statistics (BBEIS), a total of 1.34 lakh students will not be able to attend a college as there are only 4.63 lakh seats available for around 5.97 lakh students passing this year's SSC exams all over the country.

There are 135 colleges in capital city metropolitan area. Ten of the most prestigious colleges in the country, where only around 10,000 seats are available, are also located here.

On the other hand, some 3570 seats are available in port city's five public colleges - Chittagong College, Mohsin College, City College, Commerce College and Nasirabad Government Women's College.

As there will be no admission test and the students will be enrolled at the colleges based on their scores.

It is assumed that the SSC graduates mainly hail from low and middle-income families will have to suffer much for pursuing education simply because of financial support.

It has become a big question to the parents whether admission test will be arranged for ensuring equal scope for all.