

Number of seats inadequate

Admission seekers to face tough competition

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Tough competition awaiting for the students who came out successful in the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) exams this year due to inadequate number of seats in the country's public and

private universities. The admission process for 2008-2009 academic session of different universities will begin in November. Most of the public universities

have already announced their admission process in details. The universities will start selling of admission forms from the second week of October and will hold the admission tests from November.

Country's 26 public universities have only 24,051 seats. The public universities including Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) have 885 seats, Dhaka University (DU) have 4,500 seats, Jahangirnagar University (JU) have 1,350 and a few of 2,500 seats at different public medical colleges, sources said.

Besides, the 54 private universities can accommodate only 11,000 students but there is (See Page 11 Col. 2)

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widespread allegation that most of the private universities do not impart quality education. On the other hand, 4,000 seats at public and private medical colleges, 55,000 at 61 National University affiliated colleges with honours courses, 80,000 at 1,069 colleges with degree (pass) courses, and around 5,000 seats at private engineering and technical institutes.

In the tough admission battles in the universities, students who have obtained even GPA 5 in both SSC and HSC would fail to get admitted in subjects of their first choice due to shortage of seats.

With the increasing number of HSC passed students every year, academicians said time has come to take steps for increasing seats at the existing universities.

They suggested for increasing the number of universities and seats at the existing universities besides ensuring quality education. He suggested introducing of double shifts or evening shift at the public universities and reputed private universities to meet the present crisis.

The admission process for the first year honours courses of the Dhaka University (DU) for the academic session 2008-2009 will begin on October 19. The distribution of admission forms will begin from October 19 and will continue till November 3.

The DU authorities have increased the minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) required for taking part in the admission test for 2008-2009 academic session by 0.5 and also the price of admission form by Tk.50.

The admission test for the first year honours courses for 2008-2009 session from November 14 with the admission test of 'Gha' unit (business studies faculty). The admission test 'Ka' unit (science faculty) will be held on November 21, 'Kha' unit (arts and social-science faculty) on November 28 and the admission test of 'Gha' unit (combined unit)

will be held on January 2, 2009.

The admission test for the first year at BUET will be held on November 20. The detail information about the admission tests would be made public later through newspaper advertisement. Sale and submission of admission forms will continue from October 14 to November 1.

The admission tests for the first year honours courses in 2008-09 academic session of Jahangirnagar University (JU) will be started from January 3, next year. The admission tests will continue till January 20, said a JU press release. The detailed schedule of admission tests will be published later through newspaper.

The distribution of admission forms of Jagannath University (JU) will begin on October 20 and will continue till November 4. The admission test of 'Ga' unit will be held on November 11, 'Ka' unit on November 21, 'Gha' unit on November 28 and the admission test of 'Kha' unit will be held on December 1.

The distribution and submission of admission forms for first year honours classes of Rajshahi University (RU) will continue between October 16 and November 02. The admission tests will, however begin on November 16 and it would continue till November 28.

The admission test of first year honours courses for 2008-09 session of Chittagong University (CU) will begin on November 16, university sources said. The distribution of application forms will begin on October 12 with submission of applications by November 3.

The admission test of CU of 'Ka' unit (Physical Science) will be held on November 16, 'Kha' unit (Arts faculty) on November 17, 'Ga' unit (Business Administration-Business Studies group) on November 18, 'Gha' unit (Science and Humanities group) on November 19, 'Gha' unit (Social Science faculty) on November 20, 'Uma' unit (Law Faculty) on November 22, 'Ca' unit (Institute of Forestry and Environmental Science) on November 16, 'Cha' unit (Institute of Marine Science and Fisheries) on November 23 and 'Ja' unit (Biological Science) on November 23.