

## 540 colleges enrolling students online

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FIVE hundred and forty colleges of the country started enrolling students online replacing the old manual system, secondary and higher education officials said.

The education minister Nurul Islam Nahid said that colleges having more than 500 seats must go for online admission process and colleges having more than 300 seats will be encouraged to for the the only process.

He said that online admission process was introduced to avoid extra expenditure and hassles adding that the process would be expanded in the future.

Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education officials said of the 540 colleges that have gone for the online admission, 214 was under the Dhaka education board, 62 under the Dinajpur board, 54 under the Chittagong board, 48 under

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the Rajshahi board, 45 under the Barisal board, 42 under the Jessore board, 40 under the Sylhet board and 35 under the Comilla board.

More than 5,15,000 students collected admission forms till May.

The distribution of admission forms began on May 18 and the students would be allowed to submit the forms till June 6. The colleges will publish the list of the se-

lected candidates on June 17. The students can enroll on colleges by June 30 and classes will begin on July 1.

There are 1928 college offering HSC courses in which 5,25,443 students enrolling and 1401 alim madrassahs in which 4,02,431 students enrolling alongside several thousand vocational and technical students.

A total of 11, 54,778 students passed out the SSC and equivalent examinations

this year under eight general education boards, the Technical Education Board and the Madrassah Education Board. The number of students who scored the highest grade point average of 5 was 91,226.

The online admission system was introduced in the 29 colleges in 2011 on an experimental basis.

In past two years, online admission was mandatory for colleges having more than 600 seats.