

# Students suffering in getting enrolled to class XI: Nahid

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SUFFERING of students in getting enrolled in higher secondary courses at colleges across the country following online admission system was a 'pain of development', education minister Nazrul Islam Nahid said on Monday.

Nahid also expressed his regret for the suffering of the students and assured that no students would incur any loss when it comes to their education and students would be allowed to get admission without any late fee for the next three weeks.

Referring to the online admission system for all class XI students as a huge task, Nahid said, 'There might be

small mistakes when we do something big, that is pain of development'. The minister was speaking at a press briefing at the secretariat.

He made the comments when hundreds of students aspiring to get enrolled to class XI across the country were bearing the brunt of mistakes done by the education boards.

This year, the government decided to publish lists of the students as the students had named five colleges as preference in the online application and the education board made the final selection on where they would be enrolled.

The lists are flawed in many cases as the board au-

thorities mistakenly selected science students for enrollment in commerce and boy students for girls' colleges.

Many colleges are allegedly charging admission fees up to five times the fees set by the government, putting extra burden on the guardians.

Four days after the government failed to publish the results, the education boards published the first merit list for enrollment at colleges on June 29, with names of over 10.93 lakh students for admission out of 11.57 lakh aspirants.

We have limited skills and capacities in terms of technology and we faced difficulties in publishing results and in the admission

process,' Nahid said, adding 'I express my regret to the people of the country. I expect that they would forgive us for our limitations.'

Nahid, however, said that online admission system had curbed the trend of admission business, nepotism and coaching business.

A total of 9.23 lakh students\* out of 11.57 lakh of the first list, have already completed their admission process, he said.

The education minister said that students should not be worried as the boards would declare second merit list on Monday, based on the availability of seats in the colleges, and students will be allowed to get enrolled on

July 7-8.

The third merit list would be published on July 11 and students will be able take admission on July 12. And students who had missed in the three merit lists and had not applied will be allowed to apply between July 13 and 21 and will be allowed to get enrolled on July 25 and 26.

Students will be allowed to get admission at colleges without any late fee for the next three weeks, he said.

Nahid and the education secretary Nazrul Islam Khan denied any kind of conflict and lack of coordination between them over setting admission guidelines while answering to journalists' questions on the issue.