

COLLEGE ADMISSION

Nahid says sorry for hassle

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Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday apologised for the hassle being faced by the students during admission into class XI at different colleges.

Terming the complications in admission process "pain of development", he held technological glitches and their limitations responsible.

The time limit for admission to colleges has been extended by 21 days without late fees, the minister said.

"This year's admission process was new and it involved a huge task. The students faced some problems and I am sorry for that. Please see the matter with a forgiving heart," Nahid said at a press briefing at the secretariat.

"There will be some problems with every big task. But that will not be repeated in future. You can say it is the pain of development," he said.

He, however, assured that no student would incur any loss when it comes to continuing education. All students will be allowed to get themselves

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admitted to the colleges.

The minister came up with the official statement after the college admission system for 2015-2016 academic session went into disarray.

As of now, a total of 9,23,105 out of 11,56,224 valid applicants completed their admission process, he claimed.

The government for the first time this year initiated online admission to all colleges. It also decided that the boards would publish a list of the students, specifying the colleges where they are to be enrolled.

But due to a lack of preparation on the government's part, the entire system turned out to be a nightmare for more than 11 lakh applicants and their parents.

Finally, the ministry, after delaying the results for four times, published the first merit list with names of over 10.93 lakh students for admission into class XI at different colleges in the early hours of June 29.

But a large number of students complained of various mistakes in the list. A section of the students along with their parents hurtled towards the Dhaka Education Board to express their discontent with the list.

In the first list, the ministry failed to incorporate over 62,000 students for any college.

Yesterday, the minister said the college admission process would continue in three more phases until July 26 without any late fee. The first phase of admission was over as the students of the first list were enrolled in colleges.

A second list will be published today.

Nahid also said the students, who did not get their preferred colleges in the first list or want to change their institutions, could apply until today and their admission dates are July 7 and 8.

In the third phase, he said, the students, who did not get themselves admitted even after being nominated in the first and second list or were not nominated in any of the two lists, could apply with five preferred colleges on July 9 and 10.

The ministry will publish a list on July 11, specifying their colleges for admission. The date of admission without any late fee would be July 12.

In the last phase, the students, who did not apply online at all and those who would not be able to get themselves enrolled in the third phase for some reasons, could apply from July 13 to 21.

The ministry will publish their list on July 23 after scrutiny, and the students of this list can get themselves admitted on July 25 and 26.

Asked whether he would accept the responsibilities for the complications in this year's admission process, Nahid said, "I would definitely bear the responsibilities. It was my ministry's decision and I own it."