

SSC, equivalent exams begin nationwide under tight monitoring

Over 18.57 lakh candidates sit exams at 3,885 centres; CCTV monitoring and special cells activated

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The Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and equivalent examinations began across the country today under heightened surveillance, with authorities deploying special monitoring cells and expanding CCTV coverage to curb irregularities.

A total of 1,857,344 candidates under 11 education boards are sitting the examinations at 3,885 centres nationwide. Of them, 930,305 are boys and 927,039 are girls, reports UNB.



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Students from 30,666 institutions are taking part in the examinations, which began at 10:00am.

In a bid to ease traffic congestion around exam centres, candidates were allowed to enter premises from 8:30am, in line with a notice issued on April 18.

On the first day, Bangla compulsory first paper and Sahaj Bangla first paper are being held under the general education boards.



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Under the Madrasah Education Board, Quran Majid and Tajvid exams are taking place, while under the Technical Education Board, Bangla second paper is being held.

Written examinations will continue until May 20, while practical exams are scheduled from June 7 to 14.

Under the nine general education boards, a total of 1,418,318 candidates are taking part in the SSC examinations, including 667,305 male and 751,093 female students.



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Under the Madrasah Education Board, 303,286 students are appearing in the Dakhil examinations, including 161,491 male and 142,795 female candidates, at 742 centres.

Meanwhile, under the Technical Education Board, 134,660 students are taking part in the SSC (Vocational) examinations, including 101,509 male and 33,151 female candidates, at 653 centres, according to UNB.



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At a press briefing at the Secretariat yesterday, Education Minister ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon said the ministry had formed special monitoring cells to oversee the examinations and prevent irregularities.

The cells will operate from the ministry, the madrasa conference room, and the primary education conference room, while CCTV footage from centres will also be monitored centrally, he said.



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Last month, the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education instructed all centres to ensure CCTV coverage, uninterrupted electricity for surveillance equipment, and restrictions on mobile phone use during examinations.

It also warned that any negligence leading to proven irregularities would invite punitive action against centre authorities and officials concerned.