

Pry scholarship exams from April 15 in 61 dists

Exams to start in three hill dists from April 17

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Primary scholarship examinations for 2025 are set to start from April 15 in 61 districts.

In the three Chittagong Hill Tracts districts—Rangamati, Khagrachari and Bandarban—the exams will start from April 17 to allow the national minority communities to observe their year-end and New Year festivals.

The Directorate of Primary  Education on Wednesday published the schedule of the primary scholarship examinations on its website.

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This time primary level students of private schools are also going to participate in the examinations.

According to the schedule, the Bangla subject exam will be held on April 15, English on April 16, elementary mathematics on April 17, and Bangladesh and global studies and elementary  science on April 18 in 61 districts.

The examinations will start at 10:00am and will last for two and a half hours till 12:30pm.

The examinations, however, will begin in Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban districts on April 17 when elementary mathematics exam will be held.

On April 18 Bangladesh and global studies and elementary science exam will be held, on April 19 Bangla exam, and on April 20 English exam will be held.

The routine also read that an additional 30 minutes will be allocated for candidates with special needs.

The examinations schedule for the three hill districts has been set according to the decision of the National Steering Committee meeting held at the primary and mass [education](#) ministry on March 5.

The routine is signed by directorate director (administration) Md Masud Hossain who told New Age on Wednesday that the exams would start in three hill districts to allow the ethnic minority communities to observe their festivals between April 13 and April 16.

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Replying to a question, he also said that for the first time this year private school students would participate in the scholarship exams.

Earlier on February 25, minister for the ministries of education and primary and mass education ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon announced that the primary level students of private schools will be allowed to participate in the primary scholarship examinations.

As the number of government primary school students is much higher than the kindergarten students, 80 per cent of the total 82,500 scholarships will go to them and 20 per cent to the kindergarten students, according to the minister.

The directorate, in a circular issued on July 17 last year, announced that only students of government educational institutions would be allowed to participate in the examinations.

The High Court on November 3, 2025 directed the primary and mass education ministry and Directorate of Primary Education to allow private schools students also to participate in the examinations under the 2008 Primary Scholarship Examination Policy.

The HC ruling came in response to a writ petition filed by 42 teacher and guardian representatives, including Md Faruk Hossain, director of Keraniganj Public Laboratory School, challenging the interim government's decision to exclude the students of private educational institutions from the scholarship examination.

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A High Court Division bench of Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Justice Rezaul Karim passed the verdict declaring the directorate's decision to allow only government school students to participate in the scholarship examinations illegal.

According to the Annual Primary School Statistics 2024, the number of students in 65,567 government primary schools was 1.06 crore, while the number of students in 26,299 kindergartens (private primary schools) is 50 lakh.

Primary scholarship exams had regularly been held in the country before the Primary Education Completion examinations were introduced in 2009.