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## HSC, equivalent exams to begin tomorrow

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*Do not pay heed to rumours of question leakage: Dipu Moni*

This year's Higher Secondary Certificate and equivalent examinations will begin tomorrow.

Proper measures, including closing of all coaching centres across the country from April 1 till May 6, have been taken to prevent question leak during the examinations.

Education minister Dipu Moni, while addressing a programme at Chandrakona Rajlaxmi High School of Nakla upazila in Sherpur on Saturday, urged the HSC candidates not to pay heed to any rumour about question paper leakage, said a press release issued by the ministry.

She also warned that if anyone was found involved in any kind of irregularities, stern actions would be taken against them.

Tomorrow, candidates will sit for compulsory Bangla 1st paper exam which will start at 10:00am and continue till 1:00pm.

Theoretical examinations will end on May 11 while the practical tests will be held in May 12-21.

This year, a total 13,51,505 examinees — 6,87,009 female and 6,64,496 male — will take the exams under eight general, one madrassah, one technical education and one Diploma in Business Studies boards from 9,081 institutions.

The exams will be held at 2,579 centres across the country.

The numbers of HSC examinees are 11,38,747, Alim examinees are 88,451, HSC (BM/vocational) examinees are 1,24,264 and DIBS examinees are 43.

This year, a total of 275 students in abroad will sit for the examinations at eight centres.

Candidates have been instructed to enter their respective centres at least 30 minutes before the exam starts.

If someone fails to enter the examination centres within the instructed time, he or she will have to record name, roll number and reason of being late in the registry book of the centre.

Set codes of the question papers will be announced 25 minutes before the examinations.

Only the secretaries will be allowed to carry only feature phone sets at the centres.

Candidates with physical disabilities will get 20 minutes extra while candidates with autism and down syndrome will get 30 minutes extra to complete their examinations.

Besides, visually and physically impaired students and students with cerebral palsy are allowed to bring scribes at the centres.



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