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# SSC exams to begin at 11am: Dipu Moni



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**E**ducation Minister Dipu Moni yesterday said the Secondary School Certificate and its equivalent exams will be pushed back an hour so that students can avoid the morning traffic.

This year, SSC and equivalent exams will start from 11:00am instead of 10:00am on the scheduled dates to help students reach centres on time, she said.

The minister made the announcement while talking to reporters after attending a meeting of the National Monitoring and Law and Order Committee at the secretariat.

The exams will begin on September 15, with theoretical exams ending on October 1 and practical exams on October 18.

Earlier, they were scheduled to begin on June 19 but were deferred due to the flood situation across the country, especially in the Sylhet division.

The exams will be held for two hours instead of three this year. The students will have one hour and 40 minutes for the theoretical written part and 20 minutes for the MCQs .

Meanwhile, coaching centres across the country will remain closed from September 12 to October 2, reports UNB quoting the minister.

This year, 20,21,868 students are expected to take the exams, 2,21,386 less from last year.

A total of 15,99,711 candidates will sit for the SSC exams under nine general education boards, while 2,68,495 will appear for Dakhil exams under Madrasa Education Board and 1,53,662 will take the vocational exams under Bangladesh Technical Education Board .

Around 3,790 centres have been prepared around the country for the SSC exams.

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