

No scope to defer HSC exams

Says edu minister; coaching centres closed from Aug 14 to Sept 25



Education Minister Dipu Moni. File photo

Education Minister Dipu Moni yesterday said the HSC and equivalent examinations this year will be held with a curtailed syllabus.

The exams, however, will be held for full duration and with full marks, except for the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) exam, which will be conducted for 75 marks instead of 100, she said.

The practical exam for this subject would comprise 25 marks, and the remaining 50 marks would be split between 20 marks of MCQ questions and 30 marks of written questions.

The decisions came in a bid to ease the pressure on the students, Dipu Moni said while addressing journalists after a national monitoring and disciplinary committee meeting in the capital.

The minister also announced the closure of coaching centres across the country from August 14 till September 25 in order to ensure a proper environment for the exams scheduled to be held from August 17 and till September 25.

The decisions came amid recent nationwide student protests calling for the deferment of the HSC exams and the exclusion of the ICT subject.

Dipu Moni urged the protesting students to go home and return to their studies, saying there was no scope to defer the HSC and equivalent exams.

A total of 13,59,342 students have registered for the HSC and equivalent exams. Of them, 6,88,887 are boys and 6,70,455 are girls.

A total 11,08,594 students will sit for HSC exams; 98,031 for Dakhil; and 1,52,717 for vocational tests.

The number of examinees from science group has increased by 1,55,935 this year, Dipu Moni revealed.