

Admission problem in D.U. acute

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Inadequate number of seats and increase in the number of students passing the higher secondary level examinations have made the admission problem in Dhaka University acute.

Admission tests for the honors courses in Dhaka University are scheduled to begin from March 11. As many as 30 thousand applicants have so far submitted their application forms for 3,425 seats in 36 departments under eight faculties.

Statistics reveal that about 89 percent of the applicants would fail to get admission in the university while only one among 8.6 would get admission for higher studies.

The number of applicants for admission in Dhaka University has increased this year by about four thousand. The number was about 25 thousand during the last (1986-87) academic session.

Although the rate of increase in the number of seats this year (22.98) percent is comparatively favorable than the rate of increase in the number of applicants (15.86 percent) compared to last year's figure, it still appears to be too inadequate to accommodate a large number of aspirants.

According to university sources, competition for getting admission in the faculty of science (Group-Ka) this year is less than that of last year.

The number of applicants for the departments under this faculty this year stands at 13,379 for 1,053 seats against 17,200 applicants for 950 seats the previous year.

About 12.7 students are competing for each seat for the departments under this faculty, it is learnt.

On the other hand, the number of applicants for the departments under the faculty of arts, social science and law (Group-Kha) has increased substantially; while the number of total seats under this faculty has decreased compared to last year's. A total of 5,182 applicants have filed applications for 1,404 seats under this faculty compared to 4,800 applicants for 1,435 seats during the previous academic session.

In commerce faculty 2,896 applicants are aspiring for only 375 seats.

Those who want to change their line of education have to compete in Group-Kha (if a student of science wants to get admission in a faculty other than science) where the competition appears to be toughest.

In this group every 16 students are competing for a single seat.