



Degree exams begin

By A Staff Reporter

Degree pass and subsidiary examinations under Dhaka University began at 115 centres on Saturday. About 82 thousand candidates are appearing at the examinations this year.

On the first day of the examination, trouble was reported from Narayanganj. Examinees at Tolaram College in Narayanganj reacted violently when a student was held for unfair means.

They ransacked the examination hall, damaged furniture and tore examination sheets.

Earlier, on Thursday, examinees at Mymensingh town ransacked the office of the Deputy Commissioner and staged demonstration protesting sitting arrangement. They also observed a half-day hartal in Mymensingh town on Friday.

Dhaka University authorities finally gave in to students' demand and allowed them to appear at the examination at their respective colleges.

According to official source a total of about 17 thousand external candidates are appearing at the examination this year. Of them 80 per cent are sitting for the examination from rural centres where they expected to get

greater scope for adopting unfair means, according to university authorities.

The number of external candidates in the previous examinations had been about 9,000.

Of the total candidates this year, 72 thousands are appearing from pass course and the remaining in subsidiary examinations. The highest number of 51,915 candidates are appearing from BA (pass) group.

According to official source, the number of candidates this year has increased by 41 per cent to last year's total figure at 58 thousand.

The number of examination centres has also been increased from last year's 79 to 115 this year. Besides 12 centres in Dhaka city, all other centres are located at district headquarters and rural areas.

Pandamonium in Tolaram College

25 injured

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ Nov 19 At least twenty five persons, mostly examinees, including a teacher of Tolaram College were injured when the first day of the BA (pass) examination ended in a pandamonium in the college sub-centre here today.

According to source, a group

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of 10 to 15 examinees of room No. eight in the college sub-centre started unruly behaviour when an examinee of the room was taken away by a Magistrate on duty on charge of adopting unfair means. They ransacked all examination halls in the college, snatched nearly all answer sheets from the examinees and torn those down. Over 200 chairs and tables of the college were broken into pieces and thrown outside from the first floor and the second floor of the college building by them. Ten examinees received injury when plaster of the inner roof of second floor of the building gave in while the unruly youths were breaking the chairs and tables.

The pandamonium started at about 4-05 pm, 55 minutes before the end of the Bangla examination, and four cocktails were exploded during the incident. Several other cocktails were also exploded in the area in the evening.