

New admission policy to help rural students

12pc college seats in divisional cities to be kept reserved for them

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More students from rural areas can now get admission to the renowned colleges in Dhaka and five divisional headquarters as 12 percent seats of these institutions will be reserved for the students from outside the divisional headquarters.

The rest 88 percent seats of those colleges in six divisional headquarters will be kept open for all students, according to the new policy for admission to colleges.

In the wake of serious crisis over admission to first choice colleges, the government yesterday issued the new policy for admission to the colleges of the country.

According to the new policy, 88 percent seats

in the colleges of the district towns except the divisional ones will be kept for all students and the rest 12 percent will be reserved for the students from outside the district headquarters.

The age factor of the students for getting admission to the colleges has been scrapped in the new policy, which states that the students would be enrolled both in public and private colleges on the basis of their merit and Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination result.

As many as 5,37,878 students under eight education boards passed this year's SSC examinations while a total of 45,934 students received the highest score of GPA-5.

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The number of government colleges in the country is 251 while the number of private colleges is 2,964.

Talking to The Daily Star, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said, "We have kept the provision of reserved seats in the new policy so that the meritorious students outside the metropolitan cities can take admission to the renowned colleges."

Every year, a large number of students in the rural areas cannot get the chance to take admission to renowned colleges of their choice despite doing well in SSC examination, he said.

He also said they have cancelled the provision of student's age while getting admission in the colleges since the provision is illogical.

The minister said they have finalised the policy on the basis of opinions and recommendations of the principals of different educational institutions and all others concerned.

"Our main target is to increase the standard of all educational institutions and we will try to improve the quality of the colleges which are lagging behind," Nahid said.

"There is no seat crisis in the colleges of the country. However, some problems have been created because of competition in getting admission to the renowned colleges. This competition will be over if all the colleges of the country ensure quality education," he added.

The new policy will be applicable for all the public and private colleges of the country in 2009-2010 academic session.

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The policy says the GPA-5 (Grade Point Average) achievers have to be given priority in college admission.

Equally, meritorious student from freedom fighters' family will be given priority while selecting candidates, according to the new policy.

No admission test would be taken for admission and the students will get admission on the basis of the result of SSC or equivalent examinations, it added.

In the new policy, the respective boards will fix the admission fee after the respective colleges inform the boards about the infrastructure, numbers of teachers and seats. The colleges will not ask for additional money from any student, it says.

The candidates would have to submit their main academic transcripts or mark sheets and testimonials issued by the headmaster of their respective schools, the policy reads.

The policy has fixed the price of admission forms at Tk 10 and fees for admission management at Tk 50.

The policy said that the last date of admission without late fee and with bank draft is July 7 and classes would begin on July 12 this year.

The last date of getting admission with late fee and bank draft is July 20, it added.

Monthly Pay Order (MPO) along with teaching permission or approval of the private colleges will be cancelled if found any deviation from the policy while disciplinary action will be taken against the public college principals if found any deviation, the policy reads.