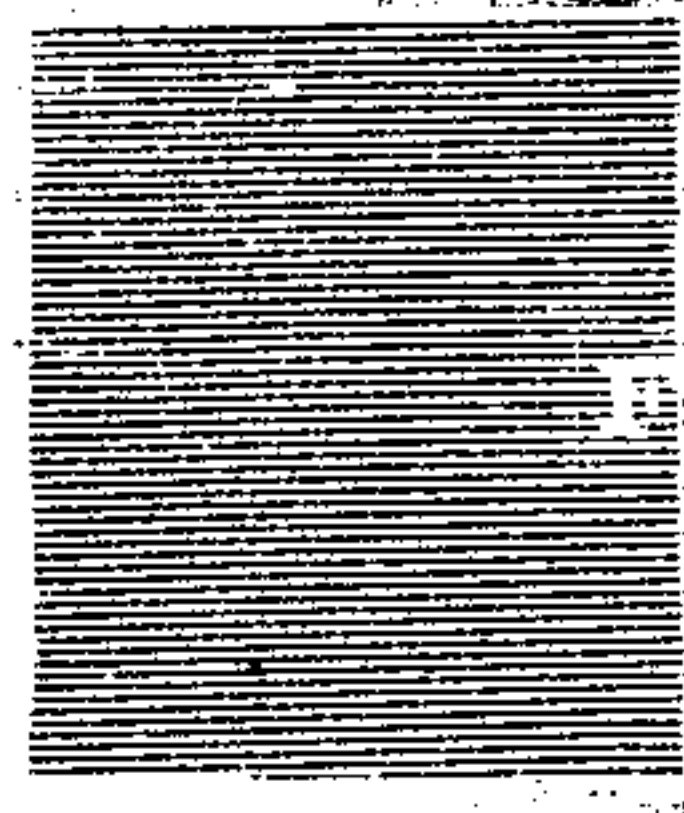




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Woes of paramedical institutes graduates

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"Health For All Before 2000 AD" is an important international slogan. And it is being stressed in our country too.

Among the institutions active to achieve the target in the field of health service Paramedical Institute is, of course, a basic one.

Thana Health Service and unit-level health service was planned by the Government so that a large number of people could get the facilities within their reach. Not only hospital facilities but also adequate number of physicians and health workers are necessary to facilitate the service. Technicians in the medical service are an important part to make the programme successful.

To make the health service

extensive and effective health authorities plan to take in about 1,300 technicians.

In the current session of 83-84 over 200 students were admitted in the different courses at the Paramedical Institute at Dhaka. This is the highest admitted so far to Institute. In view of the acute need of certain categories of technicians in the health service, it was necessary to admit the increased number of students this year.

Earlier with a view to provide with trained technicians Government initiated to establish two paramedical institute, one at Dhaka and the other at Rajshahi.

Beginning in 1963 the institutes have been offering two-year technical courses in pharmacist, medical and dental technology courses. The medical

technology course is further divided into the groups of Laboratory Technology and Radiography (Diagnostic and Therapeutic).

Those who have passed S.S.C. with Science are admitted in these courses.

An inservice training course for the sanitary inspectors are being also offered in the paramedical institutes. Those who have passed HSC and have three years' experience in the health service are admitted in the course.

Meanwhile, annual admission system have been introduced from the current session ('83-'84) instead of the previous twice-a-year system.

Stipend and hostel facilities are provided for both the male and the female students.

The Paramedical Institute at Mohakhali, Dhaka, accommodates more than it usually can creating problems.

Dissatisfaction relating to some other matters also exist there among the teachers and students of the Institute. During the previous years the students of the paramedical institutes have been pressing for solution of their demands at different levels of the administration.