

# Move to challenge SSC results

Star Report

Most of Dhaka's famous schools are disappointed at the recently announced Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination results under the Dhaka Board and plan to challenge them.

"We have many questions about the markings in Islamiat and General Science (Second Part). Most of the students of our school got below 60," the Headmaster of the Government Laboratory School told The Daily Star over telephone.

He said that there was little hope of improving the results as the answer scripts are not re-examined after being challenged but just rescrutinised.

The head of the institution said that four of the 100 students appearing from his school were placed in the merit list (7th, two 16th and 17th, 37 got star marks while the rest of the students except one got the First Division.

We expected better results than this and it would be possible if our students scored higher marks in Islamiat and General Science (Second Part), he said.

The other school authorities contemplating to challenge the results are Agrani School, Udyan School, Vitaran School, University Laboratory School and the BDR High School.

Besides some guardians are also planning to challenge the results of their children who failed to score desired results because of scoring poor marks in a single paper.

The Board authorities an-

nounced October 19 as the last date of challenging the results, a Board source said.

Controller of the Dhaka Board Younus Ali Dewan said that so far 30 applications have been submitted challenging the results.

"We have nothing to do with allegations arising this year as we are 100 per cent meticulous in following the existing laws of the Board," he said adding that "the Board rules do not permit re-examination of the scripts."

He also said 75 per cent of the 4,000 teachers under the Dhaka Board are bearing the grade "A".

"We do not engage any 'C' grade teacher as examiners," he said adding that "the graduation is determined by the confidential reports of the head examiners."

He, however, confessed that marking varied from teacher to teacher. Citing an example he said that in 1980, 28 copies of an answer script were made and given to 28 examiners. None of the marks was similar, he added.

Without computerising the system, such problem won't be eliminated," he said and added that "we constantly alert our teachers about being sincere and accurate while marking the scripts."

He also said that only one or two per cent of the results is usually changed through the challenge of scripts.

Last year about 150 scripts were challenged but only two or three faults were found in the tabulation sheets.

## BJP hopes to build Ram Temple soon

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, Sept 30: The BJP has expressed its firm resolve to fulfil its commitment to establish a Ram Temple at Ayodhya and said the party's government in Uttar Pradesh was expediting the process without losing a minute, reports PTI.

BJP leader, LK Advani and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, Kalyan Singh, told a joint press conference here that though the party could not give any time frame, the temple would be constructed 'much sooner than expected'.

Singh said his government had started holding talks with

### IJI expels partner

LAHORE (Pakistan), Sept 30: Pakistan's ruling Islamic Democratic Alliance (IJI) expelled today a coalition member for openly siding with the opposition led by former premier Benazir Bhutto, an IJI spokesman said, reports AFP.

Heads of eight IJI component parties, who met here for six hours under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, reached a consensus decision to expel the Hizb-e-Jihad and its leader Agha Murtaza Poya, he said.

A fundamentalist pro-Iranian Shiite politician and owner of the English-language daily The Muslim published in Islamabad, Poya was stripped of his position as the IJI's central information secretary.

Poya attended the meeting the first by top leaders of the alliance parties since it formed the government in November after defeating Bhutto's Peoples Democratic Alliance (PDA) in the October 1990 general elections.

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From Page 1 Col. 8 about the announcement as it is a policy matter, he said adding 'I don't know whether the announcement will be in favour of the winners or not.'

Some 350 of over 1,000 winners who failed to get visas observed three-day token hunger strike ended Monday in front of National Press Club.

Some 4,900 people won the lottery from Bangladesh under the programme in 1990-91.

According to the conditions in the programme the lottery winner, his or her wife or husband and children below 21 years of age were supposed to get visas.

The US Embassy here declared the programme completed on August 21 after issuing visas to 6,324 winners and their dependents.

The striking winners alleged that the US authorities suspended the programme in Bangladesh before its completion as the last date of issuing visas was September 30.

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing the officers and jawans at Dhaka Cantonment on Monday. Army Chief Lt Gen Muhammad Nooruddin Khan was also present.

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## Diarrhoea death toll rises to 819

Forty-four persons died Monday of diarrhoea and other water-borne diseases which have broken out in an epidemic form in most of the flooded areas of the country, official sources said, reports BSS.

With this, the death toll due to these diseases rose to 819.

According to the sources, a total of 50,163 people have been attacked with these diseases since September 1. Of them, 3,232 people have been attacked in Netrakona, Kishoreganj and Sherpur Monday.

Of the fresh deaths, four each from Joypurhat and Kishoreganj, three each from Rangpur, Netrakona, Habiganj, Moulvibazar and Chandpur, two each from Panchagar, Thakurgaon, Dinajpur, Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat, Bogra and Naogaon and one each from Gaibandha, Rajshahi, Serajganj, Pabna, Jamalpur, Sunamganj and Sylhet were reported.

The sources further said an 18-member high powered team of officials of the Health Department will go to the diarrhoea affected areas today to monitor and provide medicare facilities in the areas.

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the diarrhoea-affected areas said that the stool of about 250 diarrhoea attacked persons have been brought to Dhaka for pathological test to diagnose the norms of disease.

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### Terrorism : Rao warns Pakistan

NEW DELHI, Sept 30: The Indian Prime Minister, PV Narasimha Rao, has cautioned Pakistan against fuelling terrorism and doing anything which impinged on India's integrity, because, "that is something which we can never allow".

Pakistan's response had not been satisfactory so far, Rao said in an interview to the Malayala Manorama and The Week, reports PTI.

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