

Admission tests in govt schools Jan 10-14

Forms available till January 7

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The 24 government schools in the city will hold admission tests between January 10 and 14.

Distribution of admission forms, which began on Saturday, will continue till January 7.

Divided into three groups of eight schools each, the admission tests under 'ka' group will be held on January 10, 'kh' on January 12 and 'ga' on January 14.

TK 60 is being charged for each form for admission to any class from one to nine.

The total marks for any examination will be 100. For classes one and two, the students will have to sit for Bangla and English tests having 50 marks in each subject. From class three onwards it will be 30 marks for Bangla, 30 for English and 40 for Mathematics.

Though the schools themselves will prepare the questions, take tests or examine the answer scripts, officials of the education department will supervise the entire admission process.

Besides the government schools there are more than 100 private schools in the city. But

among them only 8-10 are of repute. The low and middle-income groups generally target the government schools, as they are mostly dependable and also less expensive.

The government-run schools in the city include Dhaka Government Laboratory School, Dhanmondi Government Boys' High School, Motijheel Government High School, Tejgaon Government Girls' High School, Armanitola Government High School, Dhaka Collegiate High School, Dhaka Government Muslim High School, Khilgaon Government Colony High School,

Nawabpur Government High School, Banglabazar Government Girls' High School, Sher-e-Bangla Government High School, Mohammadpur Government High School, Banglabazar Government Boys' High School, Gonobhaban Government Boy's High School, Gonobhaban Government High School, Islamia Government High School, Mirpur Government High School, Mirpur Government High School, Kamrunnesa Government Girl's High School and Dhanmondi Government Girls' High School.



Parents queue up for admission forms at Government Laboratory High School yesterday.

AKM MOHSIN

Printing of over 50 pc textbooks complete

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Printing of more than fifty per cent of textbooks for primary and secondary schools and madrassahs are complete and distribution of these books will begin next week, said National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) sources.

About seven out of ten crore books have already been sent to 64 district towns for distribution in phases, they claimed.

Of the two crore books for

secondary students, printers have finished fifty per cent of the job and books will be available in phases at different bookstalls across the country from January 4, they said.

Printing of one crore 89 lakh books for madrassahs are also almost complete, sources added.

Discord between NCTB and associations of printers and publishers this year had made uncertain the printing of textbooks in time.

Though the deadline to finish the printing job was December 14, the printers took delivery of NCTB

procured paper only a week before the deadline.

As most of printers could not start their job in time there was doubt whether they would at all be able to finish the gigantic task before start of the academic year.

The Bangladesh Book Publishers and Sellers Association agitated against the NCTB for giving 92 per cent of the job to only 43 organisations, in a work order that allegedly violated conditions in the tender.

Demanding removal of 'corrupt' NCTB officials they staged different protest programmes including

a three-hour token hunger strike. They also submitted a memo to President Iajuddin Ahmed, demanding proportionate redistribution of all textbooks to 324 listed organisations by cancelling the previous allocation to 43 organisations.

Later the Prime Minister's Office reportedly intervened in the matter and asked the NCTB authorities to cancel the letter of offer issued to the 43 organisations.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia is likely to formally inaugurate the textbook distribution at a function in the city soon.

Illegal market halts road expansion

SOHEL ISLAM

The expansion work on the Ring Road at Mohammadpur has not progressed for over a month despite two attempts by the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) to evict an illegal market on its land.

This has increased the sufferings of the commuters who use this route daily.

The Majid Market at Uttar

to the expansion work along this route.

"This road has remained in a run down condition for a long time. The expansion work started in September and we breathed a sigh of relief. But now we are frustrated again as the work has come to a standstill," said Kamal Uddin, a local resident.

"The dry season is also aggravating our woes as dust hangs in the air threatening the health. Although trucks are prohibited

from plying the roads of the city during the day, hundreds of trucks still use this route night and day making it very dusty," added Kamal.

"For a number of reasons, development work on the Ring Road has hit a snag. A good portion of the DCC's land along the road has been occupied for a long time.

Except the market, we have managed to recover all our land from illegal owners," said Abdus Salam, project director of Ring

Road Expansion project.

"The illegal market will be demolished soon and the expansion work will resume in near future. The work was scheduled to be finished by this December but will now be completed in March 2004," vowed Salam.

The DCC initiated the work to turn the existing 30 foot road into a 100 foot one at a cost of Tk. Eight crore to manage the ever-increasing traffic that ply the Ring Road.

RICKSHAW TRAP



SYED ZAKIR HOSSAIN

Rickshaws in the city often do not follow traffic rules. They take advantage of the absence of a traffic warden. The authorities recently designed this tit-for-tat trap to keep the 'delinquent' rickshaws off the lanes. This picture was taken from New Eskaton area yesterday.

Traffic snarl-up at Gulshan Circle 2

No zebra crossing, road divider poses danger

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The Gulshan circle 2 has become notorious for traffic congestion apparently because of the ignorance of drivers.

For residents who try to cross from one end to the other near the circle, it is fast becoming a living nightmare.

There is a by-lane on the left within 150 yards of the roundabout on all the four roads leading to it.

But those roads are not in use due to illegal car parking. The pressure on the main roads is therefore evident during peak hours.

There are also no zebra crossings on the adjoining roads of the roundabout. Therefore

pedestrians have to cross the circle by putting their lives at risk.

"Sometimes we have to wait almost 10 to 15 minutes to cross the road and that too with vehicles moving at speed," said a commuter.

The condition of the road

dividers is also engraving the problem as their iron bars are damaged or ripped off at places.

"This type of dividers can cause accidents," said another commuter.

The absence of zebra crossings and traffic signals means that the motorised vehicles do not stop near the roundabout.

Children, women and the elderly sometimes have to request the traffic police to help them cross.

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HEALTH

Hospitals

Heart
National Institute of Cardio Vascular Diseases (NICVD), - 9130800, 9122560-59

Burn
Dhaka Medical College Hospital Burn Unit-8626812-6

Cancer
National Cancer Institute-8014914, 8826561-65

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University-8612550-4, 861455-9

Diabetes
Diabetic Research Hospital (BIRDEM)- 9661551-5, 8616641-50

Mother & Child Care

Shishu Hospital- 9119119, 8116061-62

Azimpur Mother & Child Health

Training Institute- 8624827, 8624980

Eye

Islamia Eye Hospital-9110794, 9119315
National Eye Hospital- 8117202, 8114807

Dental

Dental College -9002035

Orthopaedics

National Orthopaedics (Pangu)

Hospital- 911075, 9112150

General

Dhaka Medical College Hospital- 8626812-6

Rushmoni General Hospital- 8317819

Holy Family Hospital- 8311731-25

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital- 8612550-4, 8614545-9

Bangladesh Medical College & Hospital- 8115443, 9118202,

Shamrata Hospital- 9131901

Suhrawardy Hospital -- 9130800,

Eye Bank

Sandhani International Eye Bank- 8614040

Ambulances For Dead Body

Anzuman Mafidul Islam (Kakrail)

9336611, Gandaria 7319808,

7318166,

Al-Markajul Islam 9127867,

MARKET CLOSED

Gulshan 1, 2 markets-Friday

Elephant Road-Friday

Bishal Center-Friday

Baitul Mukarram Market-Friday

Polwell Market-Friday

BCS Computer City-Friday

Isha Khan Shopping Complex-Friday

Rajlaxmi Complex-Friday

Stadium Market-Friday

Bangabazar Market-Friday

National Museum-Thursday

Ahsan Manzil-Thursday

New Market-Tuesday

Gausia Market-Tuesday

Mouchak Market-Sunday

Dhanmondi Hawkers Market-Tuesday

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Eastern Plaza-Sunday

Farmview Super Market-Sunday

Muktijuddha Jadughar-Sunday

Dhaka Zoo-Sunday

Shishu Jadughar-Sunday

TAXI CAB

Yellow Cab

Navana 9558065

Salida 9344477, 0171620881

Cosmo 9112959 and 8127191

Cab One 7113282-3

Nihon 8624741-2

Orion 9347277

Anudip 8125285 and 8127611

Capital 9352847

Union 8130485

Kool 0171826731

Black Cab

Cab Ex 9358401

Cabline 8321162

JBS Cab 019364575

Sajan 018126036

Anudip -- 8125285 and 8127611

Cab One 7113282-3

KGN 8620011

Palki 0171052500

Cab I 7113282

Jatri 0171540074

Nipun 9572277

R-Cab 8914782

Star Cab 9571919

Shihab 0182024