

## Admission tests in govt schools begin today

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Admission tests for 2005 academic year in the government schools in the capital begin today, with 38,218 students vying for 8,591 seats.

The Directorate of Secondary Education has been coordinating the admission procedures at the 24 schools divided into three groups - 'Ka', 'Kha' and 'Ga'.

The admission tests in schools under 'ka' group will be held in two sessions -- from 10:00am to 11:30am for primary level students and from 2:00pm and 4:00pm for secondary level students.

The institutions are Govt. Laboratory High School, Mirpur Govt. High School, Motijhil Govt. Girls' High School, Khilgaon Govt. High School, Nawabpur Govt High School, New Govt. Girls' High School, Islamia Govt High School and Mohammadpur Govt. High School.

The test for 'Kha' group will be held on Tuesday. The schools under 'kha' group are Motijhil Boys' High School, Narinda Govt. High School, Govt. Muslim High School, Banglabazar Govt. Girls' High School, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Govt. Boys' High School, Govt. Boys' School, Dhanmondi Govt. Girls' High School and Dhanmondi Kamrunnesa Govt. Girls' High School.

The test for 'Ga' group will be held on January 6. The schools under 'Ga' group are Dhanmondi Govt. Boys' High School, Armanitola Govt. High School, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Govt. Girls' School, Tikatuli Govt. Kamrunnesa Girls' High School, Tejgaon Govt. Girls' School, Dhaka Collegiate School, Gano Bhaban Govt. School and Tejgaon High School.

## Take stern action against hide smugglers

Babar asks law-enforcing agencies

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Ahead of Eid-ul-Azha, the government has taken all-out steps to check smuggling of hides of sacrificial animals and facilitate smooth import of animals.

"Take stern action against the hide smugglers and check hide smuggling during the Eid-ul-Azha," State Minister for Home Lutfuzzaman Babar told the law-enforcing agencies at a high-level meeting at the Home Ministry yesterday.

The meeting observed that the bulk of Tk 1,700 crore leather business is procured from the rawhide of sacrificial animals after the Eid every year.

Lutfuzzaman Babar was presiding over the special meeting on "prevention of rawhide smuggling" with the leaders of rawhide business.

The state minister ordered the

law-enforcers to take action against "syndicated hide terrorism" in the capital as well as across the country, as the gangs become active during Eid-ul-Azha to make quick money by grabbing and smuggling rawhides.

Meeting sources said that a control room would be set up in the police headquarters with phone, fax and Internet facility to receive complaints about "irregularities or crimes relating to rawhides".

Soon after receiving the information, the strike force of police will rush to the spot to take action against the miscreants.

Besides, mobile courts will

remain active before and after the Eid to prevent such crimes.

The state minister also asked the traffic police officials to take necessary steps so that hide-carrying vehicles can smoothly reach the hide-processing zones as soon as possible.

## DHAKA TODAY

### Painting exhibition

The 12th solo exhibition of paintings by Mohammad Fokhrul Islam will be inaugurated. Venue: Alliance Francaise Gallery, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:30pm. The exhibition will remain open till January 12 from 9:00am to 12:00noon and from 5:00pm to 9:00pm daily.

### Film show

Bishwasahitya Kendra will screen a film titled 'Sunshine' directed by Isvan Sabo. Venue: Bishwasahitya Kendra auditorium, Bangla Motor. Time: 6:00pm.

### Musical evening

Muldhara, a forum of writers, journalists and artists, organises a musical evening. Venue: House-15, Road-7, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:00pm.

### Workshop

Council for National Agenda organises a workshop for correspondents covering the 13th Saarc Summit with Justice Latifur Rahmani, former chief advisor of the caretaker government, as chief guest. Venue: House-13, Road-2, Dhanmondi. Time: 10:00am.

### ISD council

The central council of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal will be held with former president and Jatiya Party Chairman Hossain Mohammad Ershad as chief guest. Venue: Mohanagar Natyamancha, Gulistan. Time: 11:00am.

### Blood donation

Quantum Foundation organises a voluntary blood donation camp. Venue: Biam auditorium, New Eskaton. Time: 2:30pm to 5:00pm.