

HSC results to be published on Aug 23

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The results of the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations, 2007 under seven education boards, Alim, Fazil, Kamil under Madrasa Education Board and business management under Technical Education Board are likely to be published simultaneously on August 23.

"We are ready to publish the HSC results on August 23. This is the first time we are going to publish the results by two months. We are waiting for the approval of the education ministry," Prof M Abdul Wadud, exam controller of Dhaka Secondary and Higher Secondary Board, told The Daily Star yesterday.

The HSC exams began on May 10 and ended June 24. About five lakh examinees, including 4.40 lakh HSC examinees took part in the higher secondary level examination.

Examinees have to collect the results from their respective educational institutions. No results will be made available at the education boards, education ministry or newspaper offices, sources at the education board said.

Besides, examinees having GrameenPhone, Banglalink, Aktel, CityCell and TeleTalk connections can get their results through short message service (SMS) once the results are published. One has to type the first three letters of the respective board (like Dhaka=DHA), then a space and the roll number and then send it to 2777 to get the result.

Candidates having GrameenPhone and Aktel connections can register their names earlier to get results automatically just after the board publishes the result.

For getting registered, candidates have to type RES+first three letters of their respective boards+roll number and then send to 2777.

An agreement between the education boards and TTBC Limited, a mobile phone content provider, was signed in this connection.

Ensure indigenous children's education through mother tongue

Speakers urge govt at seminar

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Speakers at a seminar yesterday urged the government to take measure so that the indigenous children can pursue their education through mother tongue.

The seminar titled 'Education: Opportunity or Right? Reality for Indigenous Children' was jointly organised by Other Vision Communication and Bangladesh Adibashi Odhikar Andolon at the National Press Club in the city.

Speaking as chief guest Prof Hasan Azizul Huq said in modern states education through mother tongue is the right of every child.

No research is necessary to unveil the truth, he added.

Prof Hasan said children of indigenous community are lagging behind due to government's failure to take proper steps in this regard.

"Ensuring indigenous people's education is the responsibility of the government, it is not the responsibility of some non-governmental

organisations," he said, alleging that, "Due to initiatives by some non-governmental organisations, the government is sitting idle."

Prof Hasan laid emphasis on imparting education to indigenous community through their mother tongue and advocated for special measures so that they have expertise over Bangla and English languages too.

Pointing to the problems related to written form of some indigenous languages, he said, "Academics have varied opinions regarding the alphabets of their languages. Specific plan is needed in this regard."

The director of Campaign for Popular Education (Campe) said traditional schooling system could not contribute much to educating the indigenous children as well as children with disability.

She emphasised that the teachers of indigenous schools should come from indigenous community.

Former director general of the

Directorate of Primary Education Prof Saleh Matin said the government's initiative to promote education through indigenous language is inadequate.

He lamented that although some non-governmental organisations are working for indigenous people in the hilly areas, indigenous community living in the plain still remains out of the focus.

Former lawmaker Nurul Islam Nahid admitted that previous governments could not play effective role in promoting education among the indigenous community.

Prof Manzur Ahmed of Brac University chaired the seminar which was also addressed by Executive Director of Other Vision Communications Tarek Ahmed, General Secretary of Bangladesh Adibashi Forum Sanjib Drong and President of Jatiya Adibashi Parishad Anil Marandi.



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A photography exhibition marking the World Photography Day began at Shilpakala Academy Gallery in the city yesterday. The exhibition will remain open from 11:00am to 7:00pm daily up to August 25.

PASSPORT ENDORSEMENT

One-stop service centre opens on Aug 29

UNB, Dhaka

One-stop service centre opens at the Regional Passport Office in Dhaka on August 29 for quick endorsement of passports.

Applicants can complete endorsement-related works like changing profession, date of birth, name and address in a day for a fee of Tk 500, an official announcement said yesterday.

"These works will be done on 'first come, first served' basis," the announcement said, adding that completing the entire procedure will take only two hours time.

Women, children, senior citizens and physically handicapped people will get priority in receiving this one-stop service.

The centre will remain open from 9:30am to 1:30pm.

To get the service from the centre, an applicant will have to collect 'Kha' form from No 1 counter and then to go to the 'Receiving Desk' with the filled-up form.

If necessary, the Receiving Desk can forward the applicant to the 'Help Desk'. Then s/he will have to submit the form to 'Seal Desk' after depositing Tk 500 with the 'Bank Desk'.

The applicant would get back the endorsed passport within two hours of the submission of form to the 'Seal Desk', says the announcement.



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The magistrate of a mobile court fines two youths at Kamalapur Railway Station in the city yesterday for travelling in a train without ticket.