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Mass coping in exam. halls must stop

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CHANDPUR, Nov. 1.—The results of Higher Secondary Examinations of Comilla Board announced recently presents a sorry spectacle of declining standard of our education. Although the percentage of pass of the board is 54.5 it is only 21.2 per cent Chandpur district.

This year 3160 examiness from 12 colleges of this district appeared at the examinations through six centres. Among them only 670 came out successful. Four hundred and ninety-eight candidates appeared from Chandpur-I centre (Chandpur Govt. College) of them 115 passed. Only 34 out of 174 appeared from Chandpur-II (Chandpur Govt. Mahila College) centre came out successful.

From Faridgonj centre 152 passed out of 331 appeared. Out of 536 appeared from Kachua centre 125 passed. Two hundred and twentyfour out of 953 passed from Matlab centre. The lowest number of examiness passed is from Hajigonj centre. Only 20 out of 668 came out successful from this centre. The percentage of pass of this centre is 2.09. This dismal picture in examination has worried the guardians in particular and the people in general.

The results are also the ample testimony of very standard of education in the colleges. It is an open secret that this debacle in examination is the outcome of strict vigilance by

the authorities to check the adoption of unfairmeans which has been rampant in the recent years particularly in the rural centres.

It is observed that majority of the examiness go to the examination halls with the hope of passing the examination by adopting unfairmeans. If the results book published by the board are scanned one will find very poor result in centres where strict measures were taken to stop mass copying.

On the other hand, the percentage of pass is very high where the examiness were allowed to copy freely. Had there been equal vigilance in all the centres the board's percentage would have been far below the declared one; it is alleged. Of course there are a few centres where examinations are held in fair way and the percentage pass is also satisfactory.

The conscientious people feel that it is high time to evolve a system that

will create academic atmosphere in educational institutions and ensure fair examinations in all centres.

Major General (Retd.) M. Shamsul Huq, Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Affairs urged the teachers and the guardians to rear up the children with affectionate care and build them up as honest and useful citizens of the country.

He was speaking as chief guest at the stipend distribution ceremony of Chandpur District Samity, Dhaka, held at Chandpur Govt. Mahila College Auditorium on October 23. The Minister also urged all to nourish the talented students so that they could take the future leaderships of the country.

He advised the students to devote to studies by keeping themselves aloof from party politics in their student life.

The Minister appreciated the role of Chandpur District Samity, Dhaka, for awarding stipends to the students in pursuit of their studies.

Presided over by Mr. Meer Mohammad Yasin, President of the Samity the meeting was addressed among others by Messrs S.M. Shamsul Alam D.C. Ittekaruddin Ahmed S.P. A.W.M. Toaha Mia, Principal Chandpur Govt. College, Matiur Rahman, Principal Chandpur Govt. Mahila College, Amir Hossain Khan, General Secretary, Chandpur Zila Samity, Abdur Rashid and Quamruzzaman Chowdhury President Chandpur Press Club.

Chandpur Zila Samity awarded 190 stipends to the poor and meritorious students of different educations of the district. The Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Minister also visited the Chandpur Diabetic Clinic and Atmanivedita Mahila Sangstha.