

SSC results in retrospect

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The results of the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations of the four boards this year showed that the percentage of pass was the highest in the Dhaka Board. The percentage was 63.15, an increase by 6.52 per cent over the last year's results of the board.

The lowest percentage of the pass was in the Jessore Board with only 44.50. It was 62.73 per cent in Comilla Board and 46.44 in Rajshahi Board.

The overall percentage of pass in the four boards was 55.18. Out of 4,38,476 candidates who appeared in the SSC examinations in all boards 2,25,382

came out successful.

The percentage of students securing first division was also the highest in Dhaka Board with 21.50, and the lowest was in Jessore Board with 14.99. In two other boards the percentages were Comilla 15.50 and Rajshahi 15.41.

Of the four candidates who stood first in their respective board, A. K. M. Moniruzzaman of Government Laboratory High School, Rajshahi, under Rajshahi Board obtained the highest marks, 860. Masudur Rahman of Government Laboratory High School, Dhaka, of Dhaka Board trailed him behind by securing 859 marks.

Kazi Shafiqul Nasim of St.

Joseph's High School under Jessore Board secured 842 marks while Masuda Mohsena of Chittagong University College School got 821 marks. They stood first the Jessore and Comilla Boards respectively.

Board-wise results: Dhaka Board appeared 1,25,931 passed 79,520. 1st division-17,103 2nd division-44,450, 3rd division-7967.

Comilla Board appeared 1,00,202 passed 67,925 1st division-9,748 2nd division-44,300 3rd division-8841.

Rajshahi Board appeared 93,878 passed 43,605 1st division-6,720 2nd division-23,797 3rd division-3088.

Jessore Board appeared 88,456 passed 39,388, 1st division-5,005 2nd division-28,109, 3rd division-5237.

The results of the four boards show that the number of candidates obtaining third division is significantly less compared to the number of first and second division holders. Of the successful candidates in all the boards, only 30,163 got third division while 1,45,658 secured second division and 39,476 first division. The number of candidates obtaining first division was the highest in Dhaka Board with a total of 17,103 candidates while the lowest was in Jessore Board, the number being only 5,005.

A comparative study shows that the percentage of pass this year in Dhaka Board has increased by 6.52 per cent compared to that of the previous year, while in Comilla Board it has decreased by 2.42 per cent. The percentages of pass in Rajshahi and Jessore Boards this year has also fallen.

Most of the candidates with outstanding results aspire to do higher studies in computer engineering. And most of them dislike studying politics.

Mohammad Masudur Rahman, who stood first in the combined merit list in Dhaka Board said, as a student one should have idea about politics, but one should not be an activist. After completion of studies one can however, join politics, he commented.

The candidates who stood first in combined merit lists in Dhaka and Jessore Boards expressed their intention to study Computer Engineering while the candidate who secured first position in the combined merit list in Rajshahi Board said, he would decide his future plan after the college final examination (HSC). The candidate who became first in the combined merit list of Comilla Board did not express her future plan.

None was found interested in the teaching profession. But most of them intend to do higher studies abroad.

Most of the outstanding candidates did not study for more than six to eight hours a day. Most of them even did not have a regular house tutor. It was only Farzana Kader Lina who stood first among the girls and 6th in the combined merit list of Dhaka Board who said that she had eight private tutors. The highest number of tutors one had among the outstanding candidates.