

## Viqarunnesa bags 25 positions in HSC exam

# We collect good students thru' competition: Hamida

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Viqarunnesa Noon School and College has set up a record this year by obtaining 25 positions in the merit lists of Science, Humanities and Commerce groups in the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations held under Dhaka Board.

Of the 25 positions from three groups 14 places in the merit list were bagged by students of Science group, five went to Humanities and six to Commerce.

Viqarunnesa Noon School and College introduced commerce education two years back and the first batch of students secured six positions in the merit list of Commerce Group this year. The college authorities are expecting five more positions in the merit list after the announcement of 10 withheld results by the board.

The college bagged the first three positions in the Combined Merit Lists. The girl who stood first from Dhaka Board from the College also topped the list of the successful students of all of the four education board securing 969 marks.

A total of 688 students appeared in the HSC examinations from the college of whom 611 got First Division and 39 Second Division. No one was placed in the Third Division from the college. In HSC examinations of 1993, Viqarunnesa Noon School and College had also achieved no less performance obtaining 14 positions in the merit list of Science and Humanities Groups. The college had similar record in the HSC examinations of 1992 and 1991 securing 21 and seven positions in the talent lists respectively.

Established in 1952 on an area of 17 bighas of land in the heart of the city at Siddeshwari, it has 5500 students in school and college sections. The management of the school expanded the school through opening of the college unit in 1978. The college unit has 1500 students at present, college sources said.

Viqarunnesa Noon School and College has become much discussed name to the parents of infants and higher secondary level following its glorious performance during the last half-a-decade.

"This is not my sole credit, rather collective team-work of the students themselves, teachers and guardians" the Principal of Viqarunnesa Noon School and College Mrs Hamida Ali told the *Bangladesh Observer* while stating her reaction on the grand success of her institution.

Explaining the existing difficulties of the college she said that her students were forced to sit in a

congested class rooms due to lack of sufficient space. "We are looking for space and buildings for removing

Noon School and College was given "best educational institution" prize in 1991.

Emphasising the need for extra curriculum activities Mrs Ali said actual growth of the children could not be possible if they were not given teaching in different disciplines outside the academic studies. Arrangements for game, athletics, sports, painting, music, debate, drama and other means of extra curriculum activities have been made available for the students.

Describing the demerits of satellite transmission of television programmes she said, it was influencing the minds of the growing children severely. Proper growth of the children can not be ensured if they were not given moral teaching from the family, she said and called upon the guardians to be careful for building the moral character of their wards.

"We do not have any transportation for carrying our students to the college but we feel its necessity specially in the rainy season. But we can not afford transportation for want of fund" she said replying to a question on college transportation.



Principal Hamida Ali of Viqarunnesa Noon School and College

some portion of the school division and to set up new branches of it," she said.

"We collect good students through competitive examinations and give them proper guidance, which I believe are the reasons behind the good result of our students" she told confidently in response to a question regarding the achievement.

Describing her dream centering the institution Mrs Hamida Ali said that she had wished to turn it into a full-fledged university in the future. It would no longer be a dream if necessary cooperation is available from the concerned authorities, she pointed out.

Being a principal of the college for over a decade Mrs Ali got different experiences of both sweet and sour. "I had to face untold pressure and harassment after giving transfer order against the daughter of a corporation chairman during the time of President HM Ershad" she said adding that she used to face such embarrassing situation specially in the admission season every year.

Leader of 160 teaching staff of the college Mrs Ali is optimistic about the better results of her students in the future. Computer Science has been introduced in the curriculum of the college which, she said, would be helpful for better results of the students as well as for the higher education on it, she added.

Mrs Ali was awarded "best teacher" prize for her outstanding contributions to education in 1990 while her institution—Viqarunnesa