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All indicators in quality education reflect record improvement

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With the young learners doing well in English and mathematics, pass rate in this year's Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations has hit an all time record 86.32 percent, 4.16 percentage points higher than that of last year. The results published yesterday

show a significant improvement in other indicators -- the number of highest grade achievers and the number of schools with cent percent pass rose remarkably while the number of schools with zero pass rate came down.

The combined pass rate in all SEE PAGE 19 COL 4
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RESULTS COMPARISON		
Board	Pass Rate	Pass Rate
	2012	2011
Dhaka	85.95	84.63
Rajshahi	88.33	80.32
Comilla	85.64	85.85
Jessore	87.16	84.04
Chittagong	78.96	78.27
Barisal	86.96	78.30
Sylhet	91.78	81.23
Dinajpur	87.16	77.48
Total	86.32	82.16

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the 10 education boards, including Dakhil examinations under Madrasa board and vocational examinations under technical board, broke all the previous records with 86.37 percent examinees coming out successful.

Last year, the combined pass rate was 82.31 percent while it was 79.98 percent in 2010.

A total of 65,252 students under eight general education boards secured GPA-5 (grade point average) this year, up from 62,788 last year. The number of top graders in 10 boards combined also rose to 82,212 from last year's 76,749.

The pass rate in English and mathematics in the 10 boards is over 90 percent. In Dhaka board, 93.04 percent examinees passed in English and 92.75 percent in maths.

Education board officials and teachers attributed introduction of creative question method in 21 subjects and initiating more teachers' training on creative question, special care on English and mathematics and students' reliance on textbooks to this success.

In 2001, when grading system was introduced, only 76 examinees got GPA-5.

As many as 14,12,379 students from 26,658 institutions took this year's SSC and equivalent exams. Of them, 12,19,894 passed and 1,92,485 failed.

The pass rate of boys and girls are 87.27 and 85.37 percent.

The number of institutions with zero pass rate came down to 14 from last year's 28. On the other hand, the number of institutions

with cent percent pass rate rose to 3,377 from last year's 2,017.

This year, the exams began on February 1 and ended on March 15.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid announced the results at a crowded news conference at the ministry around 1:00pm yesterday. Earlier, he handed over the results to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina around 10:30am.

In the past, most unsuccessful students used to flunk in English and mathematics, the minister told journalists, adding that the ministry arranged special training for the teachers on the two subjects.

Following the announcement, the results were available in schools, in education board websites and through SMS on mobile phones.

Jubilant students and parents, who had been on their nerves for the last few days, burst into joy as soon as the results were published.

Across the country, many were seen distributing sweets.

In terms of success rate, Sylhet board is on the top with 91.78 percent pass rate while Chittagong at the bottom with 78.96 percent.

In Dhaka board, Rajuk Uttara Model High School and College topped the list of 20 best institutions for the third consecutive year.

Shamsul Hoque Khan High School, Ideal School and College, Motijheel, and Viqarunnisa Noon School, ranked second, third and fourth based on five academic standards.

The five criteria are the number of students registered with a school, percentage of regular students among those registered, percentage of successful students, the number of examinees scoring GPA-5, and the average GPA of an institution.

Three out of seven centres abroad saw cent percent success with 94 out of 265 students achieving the highest grade point.

Students of science group have marked a major progress with 94.48 percent pass rate. The rate is 81.26 percent in humanities group and 87.39 in commerce group.

Like previous years, schools in urban areas, especially in metropolitan cities, dominated the top 20 list. GPA-5 category and 100 percent pass record.

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 Briefing the journalists, the education minister said, "In the examination, a positive change in all indicators has been seen."

"We have trained around 3.25 lakh teachers of secondary level on creative question. It has enabled the teachers to simplify the lessons to the students, who understood the lessons better and did well in the test," he said.

"The main thing behind this success is that we gave special attention to the subjects in which our students mostly flunked, and now they are doing well."

Admission process of the successful students will begin from June 12 and classes are likely to begin in July, the minister added.