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Decline in HSC results

Congrats to achievers against odds

THE results of higher secondary level tests, the second largest series of public examinations in the country having been less than expected, an assessment of the reasons behind the poorer showing has got underway.

The drop in success rate is attributed to frequent shut-down and destructive political programmes that turned the examination routines upside down. The reserve situation led to loss of concentration and focus of the examinees on the tasks at hand. The prime minister and the education minister pointed to the shut-downs as the prime reason for the diminished results but three other reasons are cited by analysts.

First, introduction of creative question papers in three more subjects aside from Bangla; second, lack of training in setting question papers and evaluating the scripts; and third, doing away with informal instructions to exercise leniency in evaluating scripts in the face of public criticism. Thus, the results are in part true reflection of the performance of the middle and lower segments of the total number of examinees.

The percentage of pass under the eight education boards averaged 71.13 percent, a decline by 4.37 percent compared to last year's performance. Also, in the high achiever GPA 5 category, the number has fallen from last year's 51,469 to 46,736 examinees this time around. While congratulating the successful candidates we express our worries over giving such huge numbers a berth in higher education and the future of those who have failed in the exams.