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Well done, kids

The pass rates in this year's Primary Terminal and Junior Certificate Examinations marked rise. Free and on-time textbook distribution, creative question, teachers' training, special care in English and mathematics, stipends, school monitoring, awareness of students and parents made it possible.

Primary Terminal Examination

Pass rate:

97.35

GPA-5:

2,30,220

JSC Examination

Pass rate:

86.11

GPA-5:

44,158

PRIMARY TERMINAL

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School kids have done better than ever in this year's primary school terminal examination, taking the success rate to a new height.

The number of highest grade point achievers doubled with 2,30,220 class-V students securing GPA-5 in the test. The overall pass rate is 97.35 percent, up by 0.09 percentage points than that of the last year. A total of 1,05,673 students got GPA-5 last year.

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JUNIOR CERTIFICATE

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The Junior School Certificate (JSC) results this year smashed all previous records in terms of success rate and GPA-5 achievers.

The pass rates in eight education boards stand at 86.11 percent, which is 3.44 percentage points higher than that of last year. A total of 44,158 students secured GPA-5, the highest grade point average, which was

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RESULTS COMPARISON

DIVISIONS	PASS RATE 2012	PASS RATE 2011	GPA-5 2012	GPA-5 2011
Dhaka	97.10	98.08	90152	41731
Rajshahi	97.06	97.63	30813	14352
Khulna	98.54	98.13	28966	12241
Chittagong	97.00	97.24	34034	17015
Barisal	99.19	99.05	9290	4592
Sylhet	95.34	90.59	7456	3291
Comilla	98.14	96.85	29509	12451
Total	97.35	97.26	230220	105673

RESULTS COMPARISON

BOARDS	PASS RATE 2012	PASS RATE 2011	GPA-5 2012	GPA-5 2011
Dhaka	85.02	81.45	17595	12021
Rajshahi	85.09	79.88	6221	4212
Comilla	91.86	91.25	3763	2396
Jessore	85.28	79.87	3978	2754
Chittagong	78.35	72.65	3531	2176
Barisal	93.82	93.13	3172	1886
Sylhet	90.45	83.34	1364	748
Dinajpur	84.88	84.35	4534	3645
Total	86.11	82.67	44158	29838

Primary Terminal

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The results published yesterday show 24,15,341 students -- 10,98,073 boys and 13,17,268 girls -- passed the examination while 65,778 failed.

Pass rate of Ebtedal (primary level of madrasa education) examination is 92.54 percent.

Better care by the teachers and guardians, free textbook distribution, training programmes for teachers and above all competitiveness of students and their awareness of issues related to exams are behind the success, teachers and officials said.

In addition, doing better in every subject made a positive impact on the overall result, they said, adding increased monitoring and evaluation also contributed to this feat.

"Teachers are now more accountable and are giving their best to get a good output because stipends are allocated on the basis of the results," Shyamal Kanti Ghosh, director general, Directorate of Primary Education, told The Daily Star yesterday.

"Majority of the failed students flunked mathematics and English but students' performance in these subjects is better this year," he said, adding that over 99 percent examinees passed in English and 97 percent in maths this year.

Primary and Mass

the terminal exams to enrol in class-VI.

Across the country yesterday, jubilant students and parents, who had been suffering from nerves for the last couple of days, burst out in cheers as soon the results were out. Many were seen distributing sweetmeats.

Boys are slightly ahead of girls in terms of success although the number of girls who took the exams was higher than the boys. The pass percentage of boys and girls is 97.53 and 97.19.

Girls, however, outshone the boys in achieving the highest score with some 56,539 girls securing GPA-5 compared to 49,134 boys.

Fourteen of the top 20 schools -- in terms of the number of registered students, GPA-5 holders, pass rate and absent rate -- are from Dhaka. The six others are from Comilla, Chittagong and Khulna.

Monipur High School in capital's Mirpur has retained its position as the best in the country while National Ideal School and Viqarunnisa Noon School and College secured second and third spots.

"The students adapted themselves to the system and are more confident and serious now as the examinations are being held for four years," Farhad Hossain, principal of Monipur High School, told this correspondent.

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29,838 last year.

The results published yesterday show a significant improvement in other indicators. The number of examinees, 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.

A total of 12,98,188 students -- 6,17,412 boys and 6,80,776 girls -- under eight general education boards came out successful in the JSC examinations. The number of failed students came down to 2,09,487 from last year's 2,58,165.

And, 352 out of 362 JSC students who took the test from seven overseas centres came out successful. Of them, 47 obtained GPA-5.

The schools across the country wore a festival look as soon as the results came out. Apart from their own institutions, the examinees got their results online and through mobile phone SMS.

More than 15.54 lakh students from 18,461 institutions had registered for the test held on November 4-15. Of them, over 15.07 lakh showed up in the exam halls.

Students sat for nine subjects.

The number of schools with cent percent pass rate rose to 2,797, while the number of schools from

Junior Certificate

secretariat office, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said, "Compared to last year, we are better off this year in all indicators, which suggest an improvement in the education sector. We want to retain this."

The results were formally handed over to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the morning.

He mentioned various government steps, notably timely distribution of free textbooks, broadcasting classes of the best teachers of the capital countrywide through BTV and giving stipends that helped raise the pass rate.

The minister also gave credit to teachers, guardians and students.

Education board officials and teachers attributed "creative question method" and initiating more teachers' training on creative question, special care on English and mathematics, students' awareness of the examinations and stipends to this success.

"Creative method is one of the reasons that helped the examinees obtain more marks," Prof Fahima Khatun, chairman of Dhaka Education Board, told The Daily Star yesterday.

She said they trained around thousands of teachers of secondary level on creative question and that