

Education Minister Afsarul Ameen briefed the media at 11:00am at his secretariat office about the results, which was formally handed over to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the morning.

"The overall quality of primary education has bettered. The students have done better in all subjects while the number of GPA-5 achievers has also increased. This indicates that the teachers have been able to motivate the students to study," he said.

This year, 26,41,903 students from 92,328 schools registered for the exam, of whom 24,81,119 took the test.

The number of schools with cent percent pass rate rose to 72,227. No student from 710 schools passed this year.

The examination began on November 21 and ended on November 29. Students of class-V must qualify at

Like previous years, schools affiliated with Primary Training Institute (PTI) and those run by Brac, a non-government organisation, topped the success chart in terms of pass rate with over 99 percent students passing the test. In contrast, Ananda schools, which are under a government project, ranked the lowest.

Asked why government schools fail to do better, the primary education minister said PTI schools were located in district headquarters and the quality of teachers there were good as they are teachers' trainers. But public schools are in remote areas and lack teachers.

Barisal, as in last year, came out on top among all seven divisions with 99.19 percent success rate. With 95.59 percent pass rate, Sylhet is at the bottom. Dhaka secured fourth position with over 97 percent success rate.

Lalmonirhat saw cent percent pass rate, leaving 63 other districts behind. At the upazila level, 39 out of 505 upazilas saw cent percent pass rate.

Pass rate among the physically and mentally challenged children is over 96 percent.

where no student passed this year came down to 55.

The pass rate in Junior Dakhil Certificate (JDC) examinations under Madrasa Education Board is 90.87 percent, 2.16 up from last year.

Combined pass rate of JSC and JDC examinations also rose to 86.97 percent from last year's 83.71pc.

Students have been consistently doing well in the JSC examination since 2010, when the pass rate was 73 percent.

In terms of pass rate, boys did better than girls even though the number of girl examinees was higher. The boys' pass rate is 87.04pc which is 85.28pc for girls.

Rajuk Uttara Model School and College in the capital has topped the best 20 list of institutions while Viqarunnisa Noon School and Mymensingh Zilla School became third.

Briefing journalists on the results at noon at his

has enabled the teachers to simplify the lessons. Students understood the lessons better and did well in the test.

Prof Manju Ara Begum, principal of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College, echoed Fahima's view saying that because of the creative method, it is possible for students to get full marks if their answers were correct.

Eight educational institutions outside the capital secured positions among this year's top 20 institutions. However, all the top 20 institutions are either in the metropolitan area or inside the municipality.

As in previous years, the highest 93.82 percent examinees passed from Barisal Board. Chittagong Board is at the bottom with 78.35 percent pass rate while Dhaka Board goes down to sixth position with 85.02 percent pass rate.