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98.58pc primary students come out successful

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Class V students have taken the success rate in this year's primary education terminal examination results to a new height as almost cent percent examinees came out successful.

The pass rate hit a record high of 98.58 percent, 1.2 percentage points higher than that of last year, though the students faced disruptions in exam schedules due to opposition's shutdowns and blockade.

Students have consistently been doing well in the terminal exam since its introduction in 2009, when the pass rate

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RESULTS COMPARISON

| Division | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
|------------|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|
| Dhaka | 98.70 | 97.10 | 90.152 | 90.152 | 90.152 |
| Rajshahi | 98.58 | 97.06 | 30.813 | 26.663 | 30.813 |
| Khulna | 99.00 | 98.54 | 28.966 | 23.594 | 28.966 |
| Chittagong | 98.79 | 97.00 | 34.034 | 38.441 | 34.034 |
| Banshal | 99.25 | 99.19 | 9.290 | 11.759 | 9.290 |
| Sylhet | 96.54 | 95.34 | 7.456 | 6.196 | 7.456 |
| Rangpur | 98.38 | 98.14 | 29.509 | 28.662 | 29.509 |
| Total | 98.58 | 97.35 | 279,220 | 279,220 | 279,220 |

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significantly.

The number of total examinees and number of schools with cent percent pass rate rose remarkably while the number of failed pupils and schools with zero pass rate came down significantly. A total of 35,890 flunked against last year's 65,778.

The pass rate of this year's Fbtedal (primary level of madrasa) examinations is 95.80 percent. Primary and Mass Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid formally announced the results at a press conference at his secretariat office around 1:00 pm yesterday.

Students got their results from their own institutions, online and through mobile phone SMS.

"Compared to last year, we have done better in all indicators this year, which suggests an improvement. We introduced this public examination with a view to achieving equity at primary level and the results show that we are moving forward to that aim," he said.

The minister said the result of one centre in Amtoli upazila in Barguna was suspended as it was found inconsistent. The ministry is yet to receive results from Tripoli where three students sat for the exams.

This year, allegations of question paper leakage arose during the exam. The ministry formed a probe committee that found evidence of leakage of two subjects in four districts.

So, questions arose whether the leakage had any impact on getting such brilliant results.

Nahid, in his reply, denied such claim, saying it was a partial leakage in only few districts and it had not put any affect on the whole examination.

He rather said the average pass rate in English dropped this year from that of last year.

Asked whether the quality of education falls despite such a huge pass rate, the minister said, "We were accustomed to the fall as the rate of failed students was higher than that of passed in previous times."

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"We are trying to improve the quality of education using whatever best methods we have. We do not want any student fail at this very stage."

The examination began on November 20 and was supposed to end on November 29. But two tests were rescheduled due to blockades and the exams ended on December 6.

This year, 26.39 lakh students from 87,085 schools registered for the exam. Of them, 25,19,032 appeared in the exam.

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