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100pc pass schools falling, zero pass schools rising

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The number of educational institutions having 100 per cent pass rate in Secondary School Certificate and equivalent examinations has decreased four-fold to 1,574 in five years.

The number of institutions with a zero per cent pass rate was 109 in 2018, over a four-fold increase from 24 in 2014 in the period.

Academics and education board top bosses have blamed lack of initiative on the part of teachers and guardians, new evaluation system, student's poor performance in vital subjects like English and mathematics for the gradual decline in the number of top performing schools.

Shortage of competent teachers, laboratories, libraries and other facilities is what they blame for zero pass at some educational institutions.

'Take care of students by teachers and guardians is vital for improved performance of schools,' said Rajshahi education board chairman Professor Abul Kamal Azad.

'We are, however, analysing the factors behind the decreasing number of educational institution having 100 per cent pass rate,' Abul Kamal Azad said.

Inter education board statistics shows that 100 per cent students passed from 6,210 schools and madrassahs in 2014 and since then number of such schools and madrassahs are gradually decreasing.

Cent per cent students passed from 5,095 schools and madrassahs in 2015, from 4,737 institutions in 2016, from 2,266 institutions in 2017 and 1,574 institutions in 2018.

Dhaka education board secretary Shahedul Khabir Chowdhury said it was tough to pinpoint any reason without any analysis.

'If a school managing committee has issues with teachers, or head teachers having difference with others — all these may call for slide in school's performance,' he observed.

Sometime a batch of students is less capable, which may also have negative impact on overall success rate, he argues.

Even a student falling sick and failing to attend exam can affect success rate, Shahedul said.

Education board statistics shows that since 2014 the maximum number of educational institutions having 100 per cent pass comes from Rajshahi education board among eight general education boards.

Academics and officials have also cited bad performance in English and mathematics as heavily affecting the results.

In Sylhet board, 97 per cent students passed English and mathematics in 2014. The rate for maths came down to 77 per cent in 2018. Pass rate in English fell to 90 per cent in 2018.

In Dhaka board, 99 per cent students passed English and mathematics in 2014. The pass rate in mathematics in the board decreased to 88 per cent in 2018. In English, pass rate fell to 91 per cent in 2018.

Position of others boards is more or less the same.

The number of institutions with zero per cent pass was 93 in 2017, 53 in 2016 and 47 in 2015. Most of the institutions with zero per cent pass rate are from the rural areas.

Academics and education officials have blamed shortage of competent teachers, laboratories, libraries and other facilities for the rural students' failing.

Rural students cannot afford coaching, private tuition and do not get better guidance from parents at home and teachers at classrooms, so their result is affected, Dhaka University institute of education and research Professor Siddiqur Rahman thinks.

Most of the rural schools lack trained teachers, particularly in mathematics and English, library and laboratories and students of these schools fail to compete with others, says Sylhet education board chairman Abdul Quddus.