

SSC '87 results unveil new developments

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The results of the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination of 1987, announced last week, unveiled some interesting developments. The percentages for pass varied widely among the four education boards. The candidates occupying the first 20 positions in the combined merit list of each board were from a few known institutions.

Education experts have already raised the question as to whether or not education imported at this level was of a uniform standard.

Among the four boards the percentage of pass was the highest (65.18) under Comilla Board and the lowest (56.44) under the Jessore Board. Under Rajshahi and Dhaka Boards the percentages of pass were 61.68 and 56.63 respectively.

One would be inclined to think that the average standard was the best in Comilla Board and the least in Jessore Board. Research work done on it in the past, however, showed a different picture. One such research done at the In-

stitute of Education and Research (IER) Dhaka University indicated that the average standard was the best in Dhaka Board, which this year has got the third position in respect of the percentage of pass.

One may also ask, have the findings of the research become absolute over the years because the IER study was conducted more than half a decade ago.

Educationists suggest that the percentages of pass under the boards might differ also due to differences in standard of evaluation of answer scripts. Some among them also prefer to identify difference in invigilation standards among examination centres as a cause. They point out that there has been large scale migration of students from urban to rural schools just before SSC examinations for some years. This is true for all the four boards.

It is interesting to note that three candidates from Rajshahi Board secured the highest aggregate marks. The students who got first, second, and third positions in the

board secured aggregate
886,862 and 857 marks res-
pectively.

Compared to them the candidates who became first in combined merit lists of Dhaka, Jessore and Comilla Boards got aggregate 846.845 and 832 marks respectively.

Students from the cadet colleges occupied most of the positions in the combined merit lists of all the four boards.

The highest number of candidates 1,11,327 had appeared under the Dhaka Board. Under Rajshahi, Comilla and Jessore Boards there were 85,210, 85,205 and 78,763 candidates respectively.

Performance of a candidate at SSC and HSC levels is very important because these results ultimately determine whether or not he or she would get a chance for education in the preferred seats of higher learning. The education authorities must, therefore, take necessary measures to ensure uniform standard of education at these levels so that no student is handicapped for no fault of his.