

# SSC results in retrospect

## Times Report

The Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination results of 1986, announced on July 31 last simultaneously by the four Education Boards gives one some interesting sidelights about the performance of the candidates.

While Comilla Board surpassed all others in the percentage of pass (its achievement being 71.96, perhaps a record) Rajshahi Board has surpassed all others in respect of the aggregate marks secured by the holders of the first and second position holders of its Merit List.

The first and the second position holders of Rajshahi Board secured a total of 867 and 861 marks respectively. They were Md Saiful Islam and A. B. M. Hasanuzzaman both from Rajshahi Cadet College.

The Dhaka Education Board has, on the other hand, left all other boards behind in the number of candidates it allowed to sit for the examinations, and well as the number of successful candidates. The largest number of First Division holders were also from Dhaka Board. A total of 1,11,660 students had appeared from Dhaka Board. Of them 64,946 came out successful with 10,305 in the First Division.

## RESULTS AND SHOCKS

The results of the SSC examinations is the most important

public examination for both a student and the country. For a student it opens or closes the doors of higher secondary studies and largely determines his academic career. It is the examination where the largest number of examinees take part simultaneously. This year the number of examinees from the four boards totalled 3,66,381. Of them 2,41,134 came out successful; the percentage of pass being 66.39 overall. It is the second highest percentage of pass after 1972.

The publication of results in advance of their actual announcement by a Dhaka daily this time led to a serious problem.

A vernacular daily had reported that Md Zahid Hasan of Dhanmandi Government Boys High School secured the first position in the Dhaka Board Merit List. The results finally, however, showed him occupying the second position in the Merit List.

The announcement of the results was thus a matter of shock not only for Zahid Hasan and his parents, but also his fellow students at the Dhanmandi Govt. Boys' High School. Outraged as they were at the spur of the moment, students of the School took to the adjoining streets and obstructed

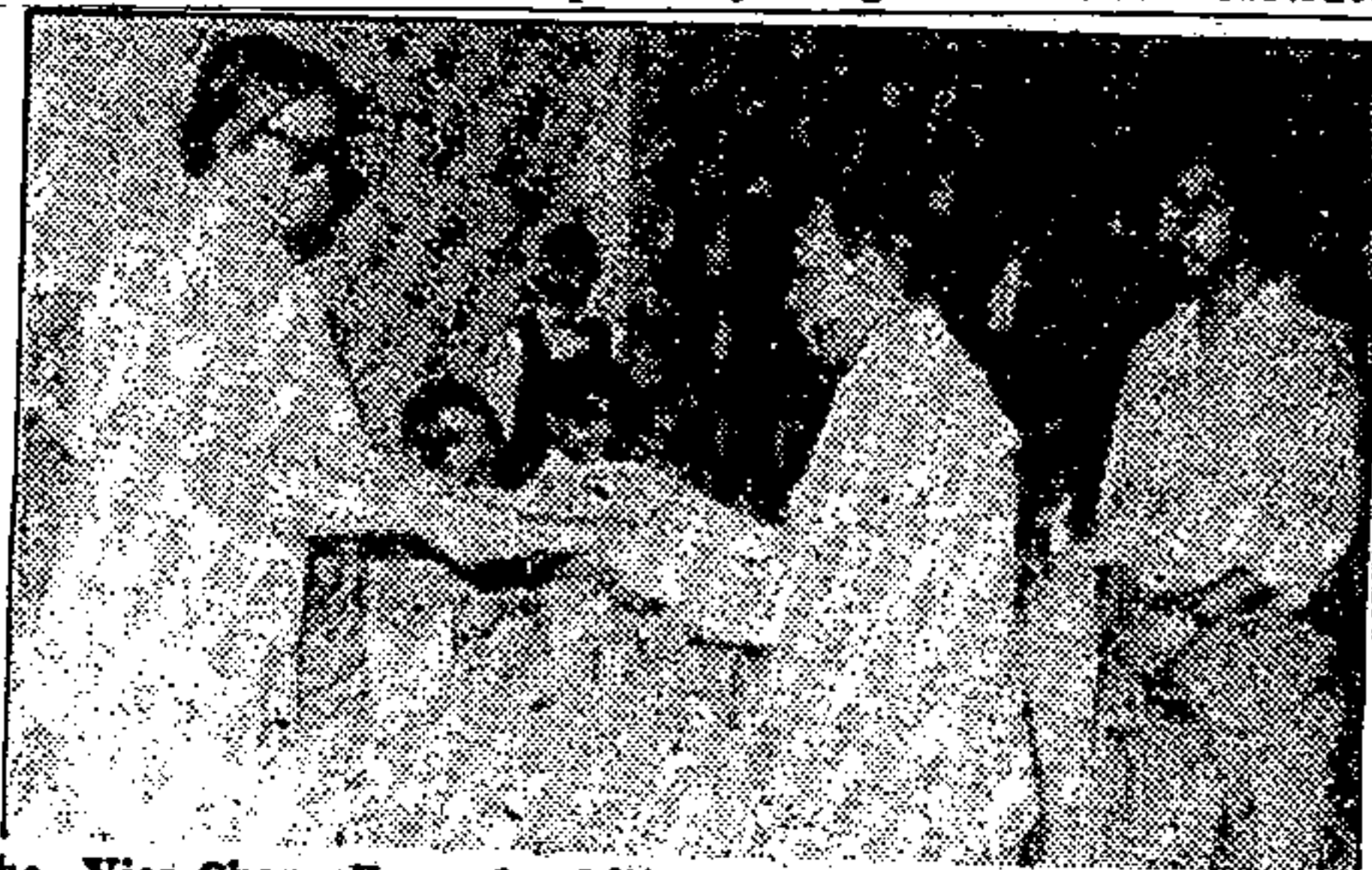
the movement of vehicular traffic.

It is for the authorities concerned to find out how this "mistake" was committed in the process of compilation of results. Curiously enough the vernacular daily's report appeared to be true in respect of the aggregate marks secured by the student whom it had reported to have had secured the second position in the Merit List. The matter is now under investigation.

At whatever level it might have been, nobody can deny that a mistake has been committed. It should not recur. Let us not forget that the same daily had stopped publication of results of public examinations since the early Sixties, after an SSC examinee had committed suicide due to a mistake in the publication of the results. At that time the results were published by newspapers by composing the roll numbers of the successful candidates. Off-set printing facility was not available at that time.

## A PRIVATE SCHOOL'S LAUDABLE ACHIEVEMENT

The Motijheel Model School, set up under private initiative only four years ago made its mark this year not only in the percentage of pass of its students, but also in the distinction achieved by them. Out of 161 candidates of the School 154 came out successful. Two of its students occupied the second and the 16 position in the Dhaka Board Merit List. Six others secured star marks. The percentage of pass is 97.



The Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University Prof. Md Ali awarding medals to the recipients of Ph.D. degree from Chittagong University on the occasion of a reception held in a Chittagong hotel recently in their honour.