

52,500 get GPA-5: 100 pc pass from 2272 instts

Highest ever SSC pass rate in nine boards

The results of the Secondary School Certificate and equivalent examinations 2008 under the country's nine educational boards were published on Thursday, showing an upbeat overall pass percentage of 72.18 and also an increased number of top-graders, reports UNB.

This year's results show an upswing from 58.36 per cent in 2007. The pass percentage in seven general education boards also marked an upright increase to 70.81 from last year's lowly 54.80.

A total of 52,500 candidates obtained the highest grade GPA-5 (grade-point average 5), the highest number since the introduction of the grading system in 2002 under the nine boards. The number of GPA-5 achievers was 32,646 at last year's exams.

Education Adviser Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman and the chairmen of the nine boards presented the comparative statistics of the examinations and the outcomes before reporters at the secretariat in the afternoon.

Board-wise pass percentage of the SSC examination: Dhaka 77.81, Rajshahi 64.89, Comilla 73.00, Jessore 71.43, Chittagong 72.62, Barisal 68.77, Sylhet 53.88, Madrasah 82.06 and Technical Education 62.88.

DR Zillur said a total of 726,563

out of 10,06,569 candidates under the nine education boards passed the SSC examination, held from March 23 to April 27 this year, while 597,955 out of 10,24,537

candidates passed in the previous year.

He said the average pass rate is 13.82 percent higher than last year's as the overall pass percentage

was only 58.36 percent in the previous year.

The Education Adviser said 743,609 students took part in this year's examinations under the

seven general education boards and 526,576 of them came out successful.

He also gave last year's statistic that showed a total of 792,16 students having taken part under the seven general boards, 454,45 of them having passed.

Besides, in seven overseas centres, 218 students sat for the exam under Dhaka Board and 21 passed. Of them, 55 obtained GPA-5.

Expressing his satisfaction over the result, Dr Zillur said the number of GPA-5 achievers is an all-time high this year, "which indicates the number of meritorious students rising in the country".

He mentioned that 41,917 students got GPA-5 under the seven

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general boards while 25,732 achieved the distinction last year. The Adviser of the caretaker government said the number of institutions with 100-percent pass also gradually increased in the country. "Some 2,272 institutions how 100-percent pass rate in this year's examination while the number was only 774 last year."

The number of institutions where no students did see success also dropped significantly this year to 91 against last year's 105.

The number of expelled candidates has further declined, too, for taking stern steps against the copying. A total of 707 students were expelled this time against 1,198 last year.

He said the results were published within 60 days of the examinations that commenced March 27, 2008 and concluded on April 27.

Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman congratulated the students who passed the first public exam in their life and welcomed people concerned for helping publish the results within two months.



Principal of Ideal School and College, Motijheel Rashida Begum, seen with the jubilant students on the school premises on Thursday. The Ideal School and College obtained first position in respect of securing highest number of GPA-5 in the SSC examinations held under Dhaka Board.

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