



Celebrations everywhere



1. Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid hands over the results of SSC and Dakhil examinations to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Gonobhaban in the city yesterday, as students celebrate their success in the exams on the premises of their institutions; 2. Students of Mymensingh Girls' Cadet College; 3. Dhaka Residential Model College; 4. Viharunisa Noon School; 5. St Joseph High School; 6. Monipur High School; 7. Govt Laboratory High School; 8. Chittagong Collegiate School; and 9. Holy Cross Girls' High School.

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CTG SSC RESULTS 5800 achieve GPA 5

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Both the pass rate and the number of GPA-5 achievers in this year's SSC examinations under Chittagong Education Board have increased, compared to the previous year.

Like the educational institutions in the city, schools in rural areas also came up with better results to push up the pass rate to 72.31 percent, up by 2.07 percent from the previous year.

A total of 5800 students achieved GPA 5 this year. The figure was 4529 last year.

This is the best result in terms of pass percentage and achievement of GPA 5 in the last six years, examinees and teachers observed.

Better marks in creative section in Bengali and religious studies for the first time helped students secure better results

on the whole, said Examination Controller Dr Pijush Dutt.

Chittagong Collegiate School topped the list of best schools obtaining 90.92 points out of 100 points counted on the basis of four deciding factors.

Of the 445 examinees of the school, 354 achieved GPA 5 to secure the first position among the government schools across the country for the sixth time.

Increasing awareness among students, teachers and guardians helped the school achieve the best results, said Aziz Uddin, headmaster of the school.

Faujderhat Cadet College (FCC) secured the second place with 89.43 points and Ispahani Public School and Chittagong Government Girls' College the third place with 87.39 points.

All the 43 examinees of FCC achieved GPA 5 and 91 students, out of 103, achieved GPA

5 from Ispahani Public School.

Silver Bells Girls School of Halishahar became 4th, with 86 points, 100 percent pass rate and 65 GPA 5 achievers.

Bangladesh Women's Association (BAWA) School became 5th with 235 GPA 5 achievers and Dr Khastagir Government Girls School 6th with 230 GPA 5 achievers. The numbers of GPA 5 achievers at the Nasirabad Government School and the Government Muslim High School are 222 and 204 respectively.

Thirty-one schools achieved 100 percent pass rate under the Chittagong Education Board this year. Chittagong Government Girls' High School topped the list of such schools with 179 successful students.

No school under the board has zero pass rate.

Cab strike continues for third day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Taxicab drivers kept their vehicles off the roads for the third consecutive day yesterday demanding punishment to policemen involved in Thursday's atrocity against the cabbies.

On Thursday, eight cab drivers were arrested, around 20 others injured and several cabs damaged by police as the cabbies protested the requisition of a taxi from Sonargaon intersection in the city.

Following the incident, the drivers went on an indefinite strike keeping their cabs off the city roads.

The leaders of the cabbies yesterday demanded a halt to taxicab requisition, unconditional release of arrested taxi drivers and compensation for the cabs damaged by police during the clash with the drivers.

They made the demand at a

press briefing at Asad Auditorium of the Workers Party Office where, among others, General Secretary Iqbal Kabir, Acting President Zulhash Hawlader and Organising Secretary Ripon Khan of Dhaka Mahanagar Taxicab Drivers' Union were present.

In the press conference, they also demanded trial of police personnel involved in torturing the drivers and damaging the cabs.

The drivers threatened to go for a tougher movement if the government fails to meet their demands by the next seven days.

"Police requisition their cars forcefully and illegally and do not give compensations despite they compel drivers to drive for five to seven days each time," Iqbal Kabir said adding they vowed to resist police from requisitioning their cabs and formed a committee in this regard on May 1.

'25pc adults suffering from hypertension'

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Around 25 percent of the adult population in Bangladesh is suffering from high blood pressure, a study revealed yesterday.

Among them, only 4.5 percent patients from cities and 3.1 percent from villages have their high blood pressure under control, a figure that shows that diagnosis and treatment facilities of elevated pressure related conditions remain inadequate in the country.

The two-year long study conducted by the Hypertension Committee of National Heart Foundation of Bangladesh also suggested that the city dwellers have higher risk of high blood pressure.

The findings of the study were revealed by the committee at a press conference at the National Press Club in the city. The conference was arranged to inaugurate the commemoration of World Hypertension Day on May 17.

High blood pressure is a chronic health condition that may lead to many severe complications such as cancer, stroke, heart attack, kidney failure, aneurysm and others,

Committee Chairman Prof RK Khandakar said while presenting the keynote paper.

"Blood pressure is considered high when the pressure is 140 by 90," he said adding that one of the major reasons behind elevated blood pressure is obesity. "Obesity is not really a big problem for our country but it is rising. In fact, one in every six children is found to be obese."

Adult males with a waist of more than 95cm (38 inches) and females with 80cm (32 inches) or more are considered to be obese by international standards, he said.

Changing diet and lifestyles are taking a growing toll on a nation where being overweight has always been a rarity, other speakers told the press conference. They said current trends that rear on a diet of junk foods and little exercise put a large part of the city population at risk.

Salt intake of an average Bangladeshi adult has reached 18 grams a day, which is also a major reason behind rising number of high blood pressure patients, the speakers said adding that the World Health Organisation Standards say salt intake should not surpass five grams per day.

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