

## Bad news for latecomers

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Food minister Jyoti Priya Mullick will be monitoring the attendance registration.

Last year, on a strike on February 28, there was tampering of the attendance register in the agriculture directorate at Writers' Building. Some staff were absent in spite of orders to attend office, and when a headcount was ordered, the page for February 28 was missing.

Last month, the state government had issued a notification of marking employees late if they failed to turn up by 10.30am. Departmental secretaries were asked to conduct surprise checks to ensure timely attendance, but the system was not foolproof.

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The chief secretary of West Bengal has also asked secretaries heading the departments to conduct surprise checks to ensure that employees in their respective department reach office on time. The personnel and administrative reforms department has already issued an order saying that the attendance register must be sent to the secretary.

The employees owing allegiance to opposition parties said similar circulars were issued 14 times during the Left Front's regime and twice by the new government.

However, even today, the measures seem to have little impact on habitual latecomers.

## Madrasa students

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The Ebtedai exams, a rise of 770 students.

Out of 3,29,000 registrants, a total of 2,76,373 class V madrasa students -- 1,29,181 boys and 1,46,555 girls -- took the Ebtedai exams. Girls' success rate (91.71 percent) is lower than boys (93.28 percent).

The number of students who obtained above GPA 4 is 39,634 while over 46,000 examinees secured GPA between 3.5 and 4.

This year, the number of unsuccessful students is 20,879, which was 23,737 last year.

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students of Barisal Division performed best with 96.73 percent pass rate, while Gopalganj has the lowest pass rate among the districts.

The number of GPA-5 achievers in the JDC exams increased by a large margin this year. Nearly 2,800 students secured GPA-5 against the last year's figure of 1,014.

Over 3.34 lakh students took the JDC exams, while another 21,985 were absent.

Girls outnumbered boys (1.56 lakh girls against 1.47 lakh boys) in the success rate, but 1,741 male students achieved GPA-5 against 1,043 females.

Over 77,000 students scored between GPA-5 and GPA-4.

All the top three institutions under Bangladesh Madrasa Education Board are from the capital. Darunnazat Siddikia Kamil Madrasa in Demra topped the list of 20 best performers, followed by Tamirul Millat Kamil Madrasa in Jatrabari and Tanjimul Ummah Cadet Madrasa in Uttara.

The list of top 20 institutions is prepared following five criteria including the total number of candidates, successful examinees and GPA-5 achievers.

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