

Dinajpur board continues doing better in SSC

93.26pc pass, 14,827 students get GPA-5

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Dinajpur education board has achieved the highest pass percentage as well as the highest number of Grade Point Average GPA-5 since students under the board first appeared at the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations six years ago.

This year, the pass rate is 93.26 per cent, which is 2.66 per cent higher than last

year's.

The number of GPA-5 holders is 14,827, which was 8,186 last year.

Boys outdid girls in terms of GPA-5 while girls did slightly better in pass rate.

Of the 14,827 GPA-5 holders, 8,309 are boys and the rest 6,518 girls.

Last year, the numbers of boys and girls were 5,089 and 3,097 respectively.

This year, the pass rates of

girls and boys are 93.42 and 93.11 per cent.

The pass rate of SSC under Dinajpur education board increased by 29.68 per cent since 2009 that saw 63.58 per cent pass, board officials said.

All the students of 661 schools under the board passed. Last year, the number of such institutions was 454.

As many as 1,18,966 students of 2,510 schools of

eight northern districts under the board registered for this year's SSC examinations and 1,18,438 appeared. Of them 11,0458 students passed.

"The students under this education board did well as the board authorities took care of backward institutions," said Md Tofazzur Rahman, controller of examinations of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board, Dinajpur.

Eight Bogra schools among top 20 in Rajshahi board

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Eight educational institutions of the district have secured positions including the first, second and third ones in the list of top 20 institutions under Rajshahi Education Board that also sees the country's highest 96.34% pass rate according to the SSC results published yesterday.

Bogra Cantonment Public School and College got the first position as all of its 271 candidates got GPA-5.

Bogra Government Girls' School (popularly known by its former name Victoria

Memorial School) secured the second position, 251 out of 257 students getting GPA-5.

With 250 GPA-5 achievers out of 262 candidates, Bogra Armed Police School secured the third position.

Other institutions in the top 20 list are BIAM Model School and College (sixth position with 201 GPA-5 holders out of 215 students), Bogra Armed Police Battalion School and College (ninth position with 207 GPA-5 out of 228), Hermann Gmeiner School and College (13th position

with 46 GPA-5 out of 47), Police Lines School and College (14th position with 194 GPA-5 out of 220), Palli Unnayan Academy Laboratory School and College (20th position with 123 GPA-5 out of 145 candidates).

Contacted, Principal of Cantonment Public School and College Lt Col Md Zahirul Islam said, "It is an occasion of great joy for the teachers, students and all concerned as our institution achieved the best result in its history. We will continue our efforts to do even better in future."

40 houses gutted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

At least 40 houses were gutted in a fire at Sonapur village under Boda upazila of Panchgarh district on Friday.

Locals and fire fighter said the fire originated from an earthen oven of a kitchen of one Khamirul Islam's house at around 3:00am and soon spread to the area, destroying at least 39 houses. On information, fire fighters from Boda unit went to the spot and brought the blaze under control after two and a half hours of frantic efforts with the help of local people.

3 UPDF men held with arms, ammo in Khagrachhari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Army personnel arrested three activists of United People's Democratic front (UPDF) with arms and ammunition from Prafulla Ranjan Karbaripara area under Panchhari upazila of the district early yesterday.

The arrestees are Suran Tripura, 30, son of Naba Kumar Tripura and Mahandra Tripura, 32, son of Milan Bhushan Tripura from Maratila area, and Kathang Tripura, 32, son of Surendra Tripura from Surendra Headmanpara area in the upazila.

Acting on tip-off, army personal conducted a raid at Prafulla Ranjan Karbaripara area at around 3:30am and arrested the UPDF men. The army men seized two rifles, one pistol, 42 bullets and receipts for toll collection from their possession.

Officer-In-Charge Abdus Samad Morol of Panchhari Police station said the arrested UPDF men and seized arms and ammunition were handed over to the police in the morning.

A case against the tree was filed with the police station concerned under Arms Act.

During preliminary interrogation, the arrestees said they that they are members of United People's Democratic Front, the OC added.

Contacted, Niran Chakma, press and information secretary of UPDF, said army personal arrested the innocent UPDF activists.

Our Benapole correspondent adds: Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) seized eight bombs, one pistols and a bullet from Putkhali area in Benapole yesterday.

Lt Col Mostafijur Rahman, commanding officer of BGB 23 Battalion, said acting on a tip-off, a BGB patrol team conducted a drive in the area and seized the bombs and the pistol while those were being smuggled into the country from India around 7:30am.

However, the smugglers fled the scene sensing presence of the border guards.

A case was filed with Benapole Police Station in this connection.

Another accused in Saad murder case arrested

A CORRESPONDENT, BAU

Police arrested another accused in the case for killing Saad Ibney Momtaja, a final year student of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU), from Godown road area in Sadar upazila of Gaibandha early yesterday.

The arrestee is Antor Chawdhury, a second year student of the Animal Husbandry faculty of BAU.

Fazul Karim, officer-in-charge (OC) of Mymensingh Sadar Police Station, said acting on a tip-off, a team of Gaibandha police conducted a drive and arrested Antor from his aunt's residence in the town and later handed him over to Mymensingh police.

On April 9, the univer-

sity authorities suspended Antor for two years and several others for different terms for their alleged involvement in the killing.

Earlier on April 2, police arrested two other accused Sujoy Kumar Kundu, ex-organising secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) Ashraful Haque Hall unit of the university, and party activist Md Rukonuzzaman Rukon in the case filed with Sadar Police Station.

Saad, 23, a final year student of the Fisheries faculty, succumbed to his injuries at a private clinic in Mymensingh town on April 1, a day after some Chhatra League activists beat him up at Ashraful Haque Hall on the campus.

AL leader stabbed to death by Jamaat-Shibir men

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A union level Awami League leader was stabbed to death by Jamaat-Shibir activists in Ghoraghat upazila of the

district yesterday afternoon.

The deceased is Md Humayun Master, 30, general secretary of Bulakipur union unit of AL and son of Dr Ahad Ali of Lohabandar village in the upazila.

Police and witnesses said a group of 25/30 Jamaat-Shibir men riding 10 motorcycles swooped on the rice mill of Humayun Master at Bologari Bazar around 2:00pm and stabbed him indiscriminately, leaving him seriously injured.

He was rushed to the upazila health complex and later shifted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital as his condition deteriorated. He succumbed to his injuries at 5:40pm.

The attackers cut off his wrist and later stabbed him, said Saroj Kumar, inspector of Ghoraghat police station. However, the reason behind the attack could not be known immediately.

Rafiqul Islam, president of Bulakipur union AL, demanded immediate arrest of the Jamaat-Shibir men who killed Humayun Master.

Refuting the allegation, Ghoraghat upazila unit of Jamaatameersaid his party men were not involved in the killing.

Additional police have been deployed in the area to

SNAPSHOTS OF JUBILATION OVER SUCCESS



PHOTO: STAR

Elated at achieving the highest GPA-5 in this year's SSC examinations, students of 1) Bidyamoyee Government Girls' High School in Mymensingh town, 2) Rangpur Zila School, 3) Bogra Government Girls' School, 4) Pabna Government Girls' High School, 5) Bindubasini Government Boys' High School in Tangail town, 6) Mirzapur Cadet College in Tangail, and 7) Matipith Government Girls' High School in Chandpur flash V-sign.

Three killed in Habiganj boat capsized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Three members of a family, including a youth and his mother, drowned when a boat capsized near the bank of Kotalia river in Ajmeriganj upazila of Habiganj on Friday night.

The victims are Maksuda Begum, 50, her son Ershad Mia, 30, and her aunt Zobeda Bibi, 70, of Jolsuka Mirapara village of the upazila.

Police quoted locals as saying that the trio were working at a paddy field near the riverbank on Friday afternoon.

Suddenly the weather became rough with gusty wind and heavy rain.

During the storm, they took shelter on an abandoned boat on the riverbank, added the source.

After a while, the boat started floating away from the riverbank due to the strong wind and sank in the river, leaving all three dead.

Police recovered the bodies and sent them to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

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Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Conducting a Baseline Survey

Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), an apex development organization, is working for alleviating poverty in Bangladesh. PKSF has been implementing UPP-Ujjibito Component under "Food Security 2012 Bangladesh-Ujjibito" project from November 1, 2013. This project is funded by the European Union (EU). UPP-Ujjibito component targets the vulnerable and woman-headed households of Barisal, Khulna and Rajshahi Divisions and coastal upazilas of Chittagong Division. The main objective of the project is sustainable reduction of hunger and poverty in Bangladesh. PKSF has taken an initiative to conduct a baseline survey among the beneficiaries of the UPP-Ujjibito component. In this regard, PKSF is inviting competent firms/institutions to express their interest in the mentioned service. Competent firms/institutions are invited to express their interest in the above service. They are requested to collect short-listing questionnaire from the office of PKSF.

All information in response to the short-listing questionnaire format must reach the office of the undersigned in duplicate not later than 4.00 pm, 5th June, 2014. Request for Proposal (RFP) will be issued to the short-listed firms/institutions for submission of technical and financial proposals separately. Final selection of firm/institution will be made in accordance with 'Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS)' procedure. PKSF reserves the right to accept or reject any or all expressions of interest without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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