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Dhaka tops pry scholarship exam results, Bandarban fares badly

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Dhaka district had the highest number of primary scholarship recipients in the 2025 Primary Scholarship Examinations, while Bandarban district recorded the lowest, according to results published on Sunday.

The number of students receiving scholarships in Dhaka district was 4,682, while that in Bandarban district was 188.

In terms of examination pass rates, Dhaka recorded the highest number of successful students, while Dinajpur recorded the lowest, highlighting persistent disparities in educational outcomes across the country.

Moreover, a total of 79,246 students secured primary scholarships in the examinations, while 3,254 of the 82,500 allocated scholarships remained vacant.

At a press conference held on Sunday, primary and mass education minister ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon said that many examinees were absent from the examinations, as a result of which all scholarship quotas were not fulfilled.

The ministry held the press conference at the International Mother Language Institute in the capital to publish the results. The event was attended by the prime minister's adviser for education, Mahdi Amin, and state minister for primary and mass education Bobby Hajjaj, among others.

Ehsanul said that the examinations were scheduled to be held in December past year but did not take place.

Following a decision of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party-led government which assumed office on February 17, the examinations were held in April this year, but at that time the students did not have their old textbooks as they had already moved to Class VI, he added.

The ministry secretary, Shakhawat Hossain, said that students had to achieve a benchmark score to secure scholarships and that the questions in the examinations were tougher.

‘As the required number of students did not achieve the benchmark score, we did not award them scholarships,’ he added.

BRAC University professor emeritus Manzoor Ahmed said that usually students from privileged areas like Dhaka got the most facilities, while students from underprivileged areas did not get those facilities.

This disparity was reflected in the results, he said.

The highest number of students passed the examinations in Dhaka district, at 12,488, while the highest number of students failed in Dinajpur, at 8,898.

According to the results, 32,965 students received talent pool scholarships, while 46,281 received general scholarships.

Of the total 82,500 primary scholarships for 2025, 33,000 students were scheduled to receive talent pool scholarships and 49,500 to receive general scholarships.

Of the students who received scholarships, 43,354, or 54.71 per cent, are female students.

As per a previous decision of the government, primary students of private schools also took part in the examinations this time.

As the number of students in government primary schools was much higher than that in kindergartens, 80 per cent of the total 82,500 scholarships were allocated for them and 20 per cent for non-government school students.

Sunday’s results showed that 78,810 schools participated in the examinations, of which 65,605 were government schools and 13,205 were non-government schools.

The total number of registered examinees was 6,45,041, while 4,19,982 (65.11 per cent) attended the examinations. Of the examinees who were present, 60.32 per cent was female.

According to the results, of the students who received talent pool scholarships, 26,375 are from government schools and 6,590 are from private schools.

On the other hand, among the students receiving general scholarships, 36,420 are from government schools and 9,861 are from non-government schools.

The results were initially scheduled to be published on July 9, but on the same day, the partial results for nine districts under Dhaka were uploaded on the Directorate of Primary Education's official web site.

The following day, the ministry suspended the directorate's assistant maintenance engineer, Md Mahtab Kayes, for allegedly uploading the partial results.

Ehsanul, however, said on Sunday that the official did not do it intentionally.

The scholarship recipients will get stipends until Class VIII.

Currently, students awarded the talent pool scholarship receive a one-time payment of Tk 225 and a monthly stipend of Tk 300, while students receiving the general scholarship receive a one-time payment of Tk 225 and a monthly stipend of Tk 225.

Bobby Hajjaj said that the amount of the stipends would be increased from this year to encourage students to sit for the examinations.

As per the directorate, when the examinations are held at the end of the current year, students receiving talent pool scholarships will get a one-time payment of Tk 450 and a monthly stipend of Tk 600, while students receiving general scholarships will get a one-time payment of Tk 450 and a monthly stipend of Tk 450.

The 2025 scholarship examinations were held between April 15 and April 20.

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