

Students scoring 95% double this year

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NEWDELHI: The number of top scorers in the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) class 10 examination results, declared on Monday, has soared.

In case of students scoring 95% and above, 57,256 students crossed the mark this time compared to 27,426 last year—a jump of over 108%.

Also, there were more students scoring the full 100 in social sciences than in the “traditionally scoring” subjects such as mathematics and science.

Thirteen students, including six from Delhi-NCR, topped the examinations by scoring 499 out of 500. As many as 25 students across India shared the second rank by scoring 498 out of 500,

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including Delhi’s Shivika Dudani, a student of Amity International School in Pushp Vihar. Among the 59 students who have finished third all India 497 marks out of 500, six were from Delhi.

Over 11,260 students across India scored a perfect 100 in social sciences as compared to 9,614 who scored 100 in mathematics and 2,872 students who got a perfect score in science. In languages, 2,758 students got full marks in Sanskrit, while 1,820 and 2,276 have got 100 in English and Hindi, respectively.

“The social sciences paper this time was easier whereas mathematics and science papers were comparatively

tough. We had students who came out crying after their science paper fearing that they would fail,” said Awadesh Kar Jha, head of school at Sarvodaya Vidyalaya, Rohini.

Neelam Segan, a social studies teacher in Army Public School, said the increase in exposure to social and political activity had a role to play in children scoring well. “I think children have become aware and they want to become more socially and politically active in today’s world. Also they believe that they can bring a change in the society by pursuing humanities,” she said adding that social science “children are

scoring 100%, although we as teachers and parents lay a lot of stress on science and mathematics.”

In Delhi region, the pass percentage was 80.97%, 2.35 percentage points higher than last year, although it stood at 9th position in region-wise performance.

Amita Wattal, principal of Springdales School in Pusa Road, said students had more time to prepare this year for the examinations.

“For the 2017-18 batch, the announcement to make board exam compulsory was made early year. This year, however, students were mentally prepared. They were also able to access the last year’s sample paper unlike last year when the compulsory boards were reintroduced after a gap of nine years. Even the sample papers available to students were nine years old,” she said.