

CBSE CLASS XII RESULTS: PUNE SCHOOLS STAND TALL; ARTS STUDENTS SHINE AGAIN

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Several schools recorded 100% results, though individual marks were lower than previous years.

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) announced its Class XII results on Saturday, and several schools in the city scored 100 per cent results. While no one scored 100 per cent marks - a common trend till last year — school officials are satisfied with the results. The overall passing percentage in the country has gone up to 83.01 per cent this year as compared to last year's 82.02 per cent. As Maharashtra comes under the Chennai region for CBSE, it has come second in the country with a pass percentage of 93.87.

Much like the results of the Indian Certificate of Secondary Examination (ICSE), Pune saw students from the Arts stream scoring higher than those from science.

Educationists believe this to be result of greater interest in the subjects and also because Arts students depend completely on Class XII marks for admission to higher

education institutes, unlike the science stream where admissions depend on national and state-level entrance exams.

Namrata Majhail, principal of The Orchid School, said, "For science and commerce students, there are many national and state exams that help them get admissions. But for Arts, admission cut-offs depend on Class XII marks and thus students from Arts take Class XII seriously."

At Akshara International School, the passing percentage was 100 per cent, with 32.98 per cent students scored above 90 per cent. The Orchid School, too, has 15 students scoring over 91 per cent, along with four who have learning disabilities, but got high marks.

At Global Indian international School, Ayushi Kashyap scored 92.8 per cent in science, while Commerce saw Juili Patwardhan scored 95 per cent, making them top-scorers in the school. This was the school's first batch for Class XII and it secured got 100 per cent results.

Army Public School Kirkee also saw 100 per cent results and three of their students scored full marks in Maths, IP and Psychology.

Also bagging 100 per cent results was The Lexicon International School, where 11 students got over 90 per cent. Others such as Delhi Public School, GG International School, JSPM's Blossom Public School, Sanskriti School and DAV School, too saw all their students pass.

Mirror caught up with a few of the outstanding performers.

AASTHA TIWARI of Army Public School scores 98.4 per cent

A zeal for working towards the society prompted Tiwari to choose humanities after she scored 95.6% in Class X. Seemingly, she achieved a roaring 98.4 per cent and now wished to continue in the stream by pursuing English Honours at St Xavier's College, Mumbai. She said, "Subjects like English, Psychology and History help me to connect with the society. I would love to make a career in media or journalism."

A keen interest in these subjects proved to be a smooth studying experience for Tiwari, who said she never had one stressful moment. She also said that support from her parents — Col Neeraj Tiwari and Jyoti Tiwari, a biotechnology graduate — helped her succeed. She also credits them for breaking the stereotype by letting her opt for humanities instead of science.

PARNIKA PITALE of The Orchid School scores 97.4 per cent

After pursuing her Class X from Switzerland's International Baccalaureate (IB) Board, this is the first time that Parnika appeared for any boards in India. She scored 97.4 per cent — recorded as one of the best scores in the city. She now aims to study engineering. However, her ultimate goal is to study law, given her penchant for debating.

Apart from studying for her boards, Pitale also volunteered for many non-governmental organisations wherein she taught students from rural areas. Pitale said, "Class XII never felt like a pressure year to me. I balanced my passion of working for society and studies. My parents always supported my style of studying as I cannot go at it for eight hours at stretch." Her father, Parag Pitale, works with an IT company and her mother, Prachi Pitale, is a teacher.

UTKARSH SINGHANIA of Delhi Public School scores 94.7 per cent

Utmost interest in finances made Utkarsh Singhania who to take up commerce after scoring 96.5 per cent in Class X, without giving it a second thought.

He said, "Finance, economics and money transactions fascinated me. I am happy with the score and now wish to take up a course in finance."



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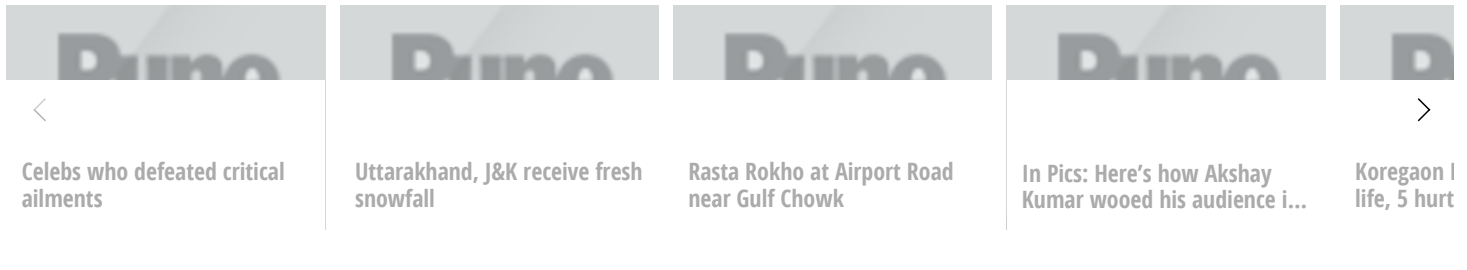
Utkarsh Singhania

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For him, remaining calm during the examination and a well-planned preparation before was the key to score well. "I was really fortunate to study in school like DPS where teachers solved each and every query," he said. Utkarsh preferred playing cricket and listening to music to de-stress him during the study period. He also informed that it was his father, Manish Singhania, a chartered accountant by profession, who motivated him to take up commerce. His mother Sangita Singhania is a homemaker.

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