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# 10,001 notch up perfect score in 24 PU subjects

## Centums Rise Big Time After Last Year's Dip

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**Bengaluru:** The number of centum scorers in the second-year PU exams has taken a huge leap from 6,243 last year to 10,001. The number of subjects in which students have scored 100% marks has risen too—from 22 in 2014 to 24 (out

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of a total of 34). The were 11,000 centums in 2014.

Despite the paper leak and confusion surrounding the chemistry paper, 1,280 students have scored 100% in the subject, beating last year's 966. Centums in physics have



**SHE'S BROUGHT LAURELS:** Students of Jain PU College congratulate Deeksha Nayak (centre), the topper in the commerce stream

plunged from 482 last year to 45. The number of students scoring full marks in business studies has dipped from 2,007 last year to 1,997. The number has also fallen for statistics (1,031 to 583) and computer science (895 to 583).

Math centums have gone up from 1,067 last year to 1,519. In accountancy, centums have more than doubled: from 741 last year to 1,585.

Tania Martha Thomas, who has scored cent percent in French, is ranked second

## Pass percentage drops, girls top in all streams

The overall pass percentage has dropped from 60.54 last year to 57.2 this year. Among girls, 64.74% have passed (68.24% last year). They have topped in all streams. The pass percentage among boys continues to be in the fifties: 50.2, down from 53.9 in 2015. Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts continue to hold the top two positions with a pass percentage of 90.48 and 90.35, respectively. Yadgir district is at the bottom. **P 2**

in the arts stream. Other subjects that have centum scorers are Hindi (4), optional Kannada (1), logic (1), psychology (3) and education (9). Four students have scored full marks in Hindustani music, a subject not many opt for.

# Girls rule the roost, stream no bar

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Bengaluru: Chemistry was monotonous. But that did not deter Rakshita T, 18, from clocking a centum in the subject. And not just chemistry, she scored centums in all the Science subjects, which pushed up her percentage to 99.23% and ranked her state topper in Science.

Said her mother Pankaja Raman, "We were shocked and weren't expecting it at all. She would refuse to attend any family function and spend most of her time with books. I guess it was worth all that."

The student of VVS Sardar Patel PU College, Basaveshwaranagar, scored a total of 506 out of 600, with 97 in English and 99 in Sanskrit. "I had always wanted to pursue pure sciences and now I'm this close to achieving it. My parents did not place any restrictions on me, and were worried about me! But I would read novels and talk to friends when I needed a break," said Rakshita.

Ramya M's father, a tailor, was at a loss for words when he glanced at his daughter's results. The student of NMKRV PU College for Women, Jayanagar, finished close behind Rakshita and scored 99% in Science. "I was expecting around 95% and this was the best surprise. Though I got really bored of studying chemistry again and again, it paid off. The third paper was certainly easier than the first one. Maths has always been my favourite, I want to pursue computer science."

Suman Dash of CMR National PU College scored 99.25% in Science, while the Commerce stream was topped by Banushree A with 90.25%. PV Abhilash (97.6%) and Sandhya Sivamurugan (93.6%) topped CMR National PU College, ITPL campus. The Science toppers in the same college are Mayur Shivakumar (95.3%) and Spoorthi Ganesh Hegde (95.16%).

The state topper in the Arts stream is P Anitha of Indu INDP PU College in Balari district. The second and third toppers in Arts, Tania Martha Thomas and Anushree BG, have a common goal. They both want to pursue the civil services. Tania of Christ College secured 96.6% and



**MIND SHAKTE:** Students celebrate their results at a coaching centre in Rajajinagar, Bengaluru; Chayashree V gets a warm peck from her father; (below left) Toppers Deeksha Nayak and (below) Rakshita T with their proud families



# Pass percentage dips 3.34; 92 colleges record nil result

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Bengaluru: Two question paper leaks and a load of tension for students. Results of the II PU examinations saw a 3% dip this year, with an overall pass percentage of 57.20% as compared to 60.54% last year. Though Science students were under tremendous pressure as the chemistry question paper leaked twice and the exam was scheduled thrice, the pass percentage in this paper is 83.31%.

And it was girls all the way. The toppers in Science, Commerce and Arts were girls from Bengaluru, Vijayapura and Ballari. Rakshita T of VVS Sardar Patel PU College, Bengaluru, scored 506 out of 600 in Science, Sahana Kulkarni from Vijayapura scored 594 in Commerce and P Anitha from Ballari got 585 in the Arts stream.

Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts continue to be in the top two positions with a pass percentage of 90.48 and 90.35



**CRUCIAL HOUR:** Tense parents and students check the results at Jain PU College on Wednesday

respectively. Kodagu, which was in fourth slot, scaled up to third place this year and Uttara Kannada slipped from third place to fourth. Yadgir came in last in an exam attempted by 6,36,368 students.

The state has last seen a pass percentage of 57.03 in 2012, after which it has been steadily rising, but it dipped again this year.

Only nine times in the past 39 years have the II PU results have recorded a pass percentage of 50 and above. Across the state, 92 colleges recorded 0% results, which include one aided, two government, one bifurcated and the remaining unaided colleges.

Last year, the pass percentage of boys was 53.9, and has decreased

this year to 50.2. Even girls have slipped: from 68.24% in 2015, it is 64.78% this year.

Defending the decrease in overall pass percentage, primary and secondary education minister Kimmane Ratnakar said 25,000 more students registered for the exams compared to last year, and grace marks were not given in any subject. Last year, students were given 21 grace marks.

The pass percentage in urban and rural areas has also declined this year. In 2015, the pass percentage was 60.23% and it fell to 57.96 this year, in rural areas, it was 61.52% in 2015 and this year it is 56.66%.

The number of debarred students came down to 74 compared to last year's 104. Compared to last year, the pass percentage in Arts fell to 42.12% (51.12% in 2015) and in the Commerce stream to 64.16%, (70.8% in 2015). However, the Science pass percentage scaled up from 65.19% to 66.25%.