

CLASS 10 RESULTS 13 students secured All-India rank 1, Ghaziabad and Gautam Budh Nagar schools show significant improvement

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GHAZIABAD/NOIDA: Laying claim to six national toppers, from among the 13 joint rank holders, the Ghaziabad and Gautam Budh Nagar districts of Uttar Pradesh have performed well in the 2019 Class 10 Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) board examinations, the results of which were announced on Monday.

Among the 97 toppers, Gautam Budh Nagar district has nine of them, while 19 are from Ghaziabad.

Three students each from Noida have scored 499, 498 and 497 marks to secure the first, second and third ranks this year, while Ghaziabad has three students sharing the first rank, six under the second rank and 10 under the third rank.

The three first-rank students from Noida include Siddhant Pengoriya (Lotus Valley International School), Divyansh Wadhwa (Bal Bharti Public School) and Shivani Lath (Mayoor School).

Noida girls performed extremely well, and one of them was the three national toppers. Radhika Gupta, a student of Delhi Public School, Greater Noida, scored 498 along with Mallika Mandal, a student of Apeejay Noida and Gargi Goel, a student of Vishwa Bharti.

Vinayak Sridhar, a class 10 student from Amity, Noida, who was suffering from muscular dystrophy, a degenerative muscular disease, was only able to appear for only three exams before he died of his prolonged illness.

On Monday when the class 10 results were declared, he had scored 100 marks in English, 97 in history and 96 in Sanskrit, the three subjects for which he had appeared.

"Despite his illness, he continued his studies. Vinayak never wanted to stay at home. Initially, he had trouble with his writing speed. He took four hours to write a paper, which other students would have finished in three hours. In the last months of his life, he had breathing problems and became immobile. He had a scribe write his exams, but he could not appear for all of them. He died on March 26," Vinayak's mother, Mamta Sridhar, said.

Ghaziabad district has three all-India joint toppers who

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secured 499 marks out of 500 — Apoorva Jain from Uttam School for Girls, Ish Madan from Ch Chhabil Dass Public School and Ankur Mishra from Seth Anandram Jaipuria School.

Explaining the stellar performance of her students, Sharmila Raheja, principal of Uttam School for Girls, Ghaziabad, said, "The board has specific guidelines that are adhered to and regular instructions are given to students. There is clarity on what is expected and there is also regular interaction of officials with the schools. I also believe that parents are allowing children to pursue options of their choice. We have lot of aptitude tests and career counselling in which students are told about the various professional avenues open to them."

The Central Board of Secondary Education's regional officials said the performance of students from Ghaziabad and Gautam Budh Nagar has shown a remarkable improvement.

"Their performance has shown a remarkable improvement not just in class 10 but also in class 12. It is not only because of the result analysis we do in coordination with schools, but also owing to rectification measures we take up jointly with schools. Above all, the performance of students is very encouraging," Ranbir Singh, regional officer (Dehradun region), CBSE, said.

With a number of students from Uttar Pradesh making it to the toppers' list, the Twitter handle of UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath also congratulated successful CBSE class 10 students, with a special mention of eight students who jointly shared the first rank. The parents and teachers of these students also deserve praise, the tweet said.

Last year, the Central Board of Secondary Education Board examinations were held for class 10 students after a gap of nine years.

Till then, the exam was optional and the Board graded students who chose not to take it based on internal assessments.