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## With 97.75%, state fares well in South

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**W**hen the CBSE Class 12 results were announced on Monday, it was time to rejoice for Bangalore schools. Most clocked good results, and the class average of many shot up.

The pass percentage of Karnataka, with 7,503 students, was a whopping 97.75%. Girls fared better with 98.54%. Apart from smaller regions like Daman & Diu and Goa, Karnataka had the most impressive results. It was followed by Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. The total pass percentage for the region was 92.89, a marginal increase of over 1% from last year.

While Srishti Sinha of NPS-Indiranagar secured 98.2% in Science, Saurabh Gagar of its Koramangala branch came close with 98%. Prashant Kumar Patel of Jain International Residential School got 97% in Commerce. Kriti Mahajan from Army Public School, Kamaraj Road, 96.3%. R Pooja Raju of Sri Kumaran's Children's Home secured 96.4% in Arts and Sadhana Bharanidharan from DPS North got 95%.

English, which in the past few years had played spoilsport for student, came

to their rescue this time. The other subject which pushed up the marks was Computer Science. While NPS Koramangala had 35 of its 63 children scoring above 90% in Computer Science, the class average in English in NPS-HSR was 93%.

The subject that brought down the scores in Science was Physics. "The paper was tough with a lot of questions focused on analysis. Even time was a constraint," said Chitra Rao, principal, NPS-HSR Layout.

However, schools had little to crib about. "The results have been better than last year. This is the first batch which appeared for Problem Solving Assessment in Class

11 and that made a lot of difference. Children have been encouraged to think. Their foundation has been strong and it's a move in the right direction," said Seema Goyal, principal, AECS Magnolia Maaruti Public School.

In Commerce, Economics seemed to be the difficult area this year. "Marks in Arts are going up every year because we're getting bright students. The belief that Science is the only place for good students has changed. Liberal arts, psychology, mass communication and law have become the new IITs," said Manjula Raman, principal, Army Public School, Kamaraj Road.



**RIDING HIGH:** Ecstatic students greet each other after CBSE class 12 results were declared in Bangalore on Monday. Girls outshone boys with a pass percentage of 98.54%

It was my sister's suggestion that I take up Commerce, and I'm glad I opted for it. Computer Science is my favourite



subject as it is logic-based. I was unwell a week before the exams and it was my friends and teachers at boarding school who helped me at that time. I play cricket, chess and read novels to keep myself engaged. I want to be a businessman.

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