

Gunotsav results declared, number of A+ schools goes up by 11%

GUWAHATI: The number of state government-run schools which procured the coveted A+ grade has gone up by 11% to cross the 10,500-mark, according to the results of Gunotsav which were declared on Friday. Thus, 23% of the schools surveyed by the exercise have got the A+ grade. Only 12% schools had got this grade after the last edition of Gunotsav in 2017. Gunotsav is an evaluation and quality control exercise as a part of which government schools in Assam are being assessed. Quality of students, more than school infrastructure, determined the grades during the second edition of the Gunotsav exercise, which was held in two phases late last year. Adopted from the Gujarat model of the school evaluation programme, which has the same name, Gunotsav was started by the BJP-led government to assess the quality of education imparted in the state's government-run schools which are facing a stiff competition from elite private institutions. Students of class II to IX across 46,404 schools of the state were assessed by ministers, MLAs, IAS, IPS officers along with senior government officials during the exercise. Declaring the results at a government function here on Friday, state education minister Siddhartha Bhattacharyya said a similar idea should be undertaken to evaluate the quality of government school teachers in the state. Significantly, the number of schools that were listed under grade D has come down from 11% in 2017 to 1% this time. Moreover, the number of schools which procured the A grade has also increased from 30% in 2017 to 47% in 2018. But the number of schools which got the B grade has come down to 24% this time, while 5% got the C grade this time. In 2017, 18% of the schools assessed had got the C grade.

As per district-wise rankings, which were declared on the basis of schools achieving the highest A+ grade, Sivasagar topped the tally, followed by Majuli and Nalbari districts. While 58.07% of the schools from Sivasagar district scored the best A+ grade, the corresponding numbers in Majuli and Nalbari were 46.02% and 44.15% respectively. West Karbi Anglong district was at the bottom of the tally as only 6.94% schools from the new district could achieve the A+ grade.