

## Second year in a row: Army Public School's humanities student probable city topper

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FOR THE second consecutive year, a Humanities student from the Army Public School, Southern Command, emerged as the probable topper from the city. With an overall score of 98.4 per cent, 17-year-old Aastha Tiwari has topped in her school. Meanwhile, maximum number of Commerce students were seen in the 90+ club.

Principals of city schools, too, confirmed it as a definite trend.

### Maximum number of Commerce students seen in the 90+ club

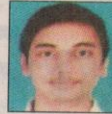
DPS Principal Neelam Chakrabarty said it was because of the rising popularity of the stream over Science and Humanities.

She said, "...students are getting attracted to Commerce streams... The bent of students towards Commerce is emerging as a clear trend."

### SCHOOL AND STREAM-WISE TOPPERS

<b>Sanskriti School, Bhugaon</b> <b>Science:</b> Adarsh Mohan Ninganur 94%	<b>Commerce:</b> Sanket Chavan 94.4%
<b>Army Public School, Southern Command</b> <b>Science:</b> Abhinav Shankar 96.8%	<b>CG International School</b> <b>Science:</b> Sanchi Thawani 95.4%
<b>Humanities:</b> Aastha Tiwari 98.4%	<b>Commerce:</b> Mansi Gupta 95%
<b>Commerce:</b> Yash Minlal Sharma 96.2%	<b>Army Public School, Kirkee</b> <b>Science:</b> Arunima Bandhopadhyay 96.2%
<b>Delhi Public School, Mohammedwadi</b> <b>Science:</b> Shruti Nishith 96.2%	<b>Humanities:</b> Manvi Pandey 96.4%
<b>Humanities:</b> Rayyan Shabbir Khan 97%	<b>Commerce:</b> Zaina Somji, 96%
<b>Commerce:</b> Utkarsh Singhania 97.2%	<b>Blossom Public School, Tathawade</b> <b>Science:</b> Purva Moghekar 95.4%
<b>The Orchid School, Baner</b> <b>Science:</b> Parnika Pitale 97.4%	<b>City International School, Wanowrie</b> <b>Science:</b> Sharon Mathur 97%
<b>Akshara International</b> <b>Science:</b> Shruti Bhagwat 95.40%	<b>Kothari National School</b> <b>Science:</b> Ashwin Shenai, 96.6%
<b>Global Indian International School</b> <b>Science:</b> Ayushi Kashyap 92.8%	<b>Commerce:</b> Satvik Bansal, 90.6%
<b>Commerce:</b> Juili Patwardhan 95%	<b>DAV Public School, Aundh</b> <b>Science:</b> Grishma Kulkarni 97%
<b>Lexicon International School</b> <b>Science:</b> Siddharth Raghuvanshi 94.6%	<b>Commerce:</b> Eshita Bahadur, 97.2%
<b>Commerce:</b> Riya Jha 92.2%	
<b>Kendriya Vidyalaya, DIAT</b> <b>Science:</b> Abhilasha Manraj 92.2%	

### ADVICE FROM THE TOP



"I am a night owl, which is why I studied from 10 pm to 3 am. During the day, I used to answer mock papers to understand where I was going wrong. I want to pursue Engineering so I have taken the JEE also. I didn't take any tuition... and decided to prepare at home. I have cleared the mains and the results for the next round will be out soon. I am really hoping that I get through one of the IITs."

**ANURAAG SHANKAR,**  
SCIENCE, 96 PER CENT, DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL



"I wasn't driving myself crazy during the exams, and I did other things apart from studying. I sing and play the keyboard, I read a lot and I also write poetry. I was just really interested in my subjects, which is why I ended up doing well, I think. I know that English Literature is

taught really well in Delhi University (DU), so I am looking at either DU or St Xavier's in Mumbai."

**NIDHI KRISHNA,**  
ARTS, 96.6 PER CENT, DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL



"The exams this year were actually like any other year. I didn't stress out too much, it felt like a normal exam to me. I have been preparing for the engineering entrance exams since last year, so I was into the groove of things. I am okay with going to any engineering college because what I really want to do is law. I have been participating in debate competitions since I was young, which helped build my interest in law."

**PARNIKA PITHALE,**  
SCIENCE, 97.4 PER CENT, THE ORCHID SCHOOL



"I am not one of those who can study for 10 hours at a stretch. I need to take breaks every hour or half-an-hour. And honestly, when you concentrate on the subjects and study those parts on the same day, it doesn't need much else. I always made sure I had time to do other things, besides studying, before exams. I read a lot of Ruskin Bond -- he is from the same place as me -- and George RR Martin. Next, I want to major in psychology and maybe anthropology. Eventually, I would love to be in the civil services".

**AASTHA TIWARI,**  
ARTS, 98.4 PER CENT, ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL



"I had opted for science and since I want to pursue Computer Science, I spent almost the entire year preparing for the JEE, so I only had the last four or five months to prepare for the board exams. I used to go jogging to unwind once in a while, but otherwise, I really had no personal time for revision or anything."

**ADARSH NINGANUR,**  
SCIENCE, 94 PER CENT, SANSKRITI SCHOOL



"Most people want to know how many hours I put in, but I actually studied chapter-wise. Instead of a set number of hours, I decided on a set the number of chapters I had to complete. I would do a daily revision after school. I am an avid movie buff and I used to watch a lot of movies and television shows to unwind, as well as play cricket. Delhi Public School gives us a lot of practice