



LEARNING THAT CHANGES LIFE

They are called basic schools, but they look more like workshops or farms. For their students, education no longer means memorising things, passing examinations or getting a certificate. Graduates of these schools, initiated by Centre for Mass Education in Science, can create self-employment or find jobs quite easily because they have already worked as well as learnt.

Founded by educationalist Muhammad Ibrahim in 1978, CMES soon concentrated on the disadvantaged rural adolescents and youth and the result was this basic schools system. It provides a second chance to boys and girls who dropped out of schools due to poverty or some other reasons.

During a visit to one of these schools in Tangail, this photographer saw some children practising wood-work, sewing and welding. Some were busy doing experiments with burners while some with concave lenses.

All of them looked happy with what they were doing and learning.

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