

EXCELLENCE OUT OF NECESSITY

Bangladesh Online University (BOU) begins its journey

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BOU promises to deliver world-class quality education to its students while making sure that they do not have to step outside the safety of their own humble abodes. It is the first-ever hybrid and online university of Bangladesh, and perhaps the entire world, meaning that it has successfully managed to merge the culture and ideologies of both public and private universities, that too without a physical campus.

About BOU

BOU was founded just last week by a group of overly enthusiastic students and elite academicians, who cannot be bothered enough to wake up for 8 AM classes. Thanks to their insightful thinking and foresight, and the cancellation of all on-campus academic activities due to the shutdown, BOU was brought into the academic scene of the country and has managed to quickly become an integral part of the country's education system.

BOU is accredited by the renowned association Universal World Universities (UWW), and approved by the Ministry of Online and Social Media Based Education. BOU, in this short time, has managed to affiliate with various local and international educational institutes like Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, The Academy of Abstract Arts, Starfleet Academy, South Hatirjheel Institute of Technology, Bidirectional University, and many more.

Vision

"To become the best university in Bangladesh—online and offline—and to mould its students into ideal netizens who will become leaders of the new normal."

Although the university administration conceded that they cannot see beyond the current state of affairs, they are going with the aforementioned words as their vision.

Mission

"BOU promises to deliver quality education right to your room. Our motto is 'Excellence out of Necessity', which refers to the timely establishment of this esteemed institution, and how it was a necessary step that had to be taken for the sake of our nation's education. Our mission is simple, but difficult as it will thoroughly push our individual patience as well as our internet bandwidths to the maximum. However, we will leave no stone

unturned in our quest for excellency. We will produce the best skilled personnel the world has ever seen. Our keyboard warrior graduates will lay waste to all the threads and comment sections on the internet. BOU shall dominate online education for months to come."

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A Message from the Vice Chancellor

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Undergraduate Programs

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Bachelor of Arts in Home Cleaning (Majors offered: Dishwashing, Bathroom Cleaning, etc): Do the dishes for an entire month without breaking more than five items. Clean the bathroom tiles in such a manner that you can see your face and future in them.

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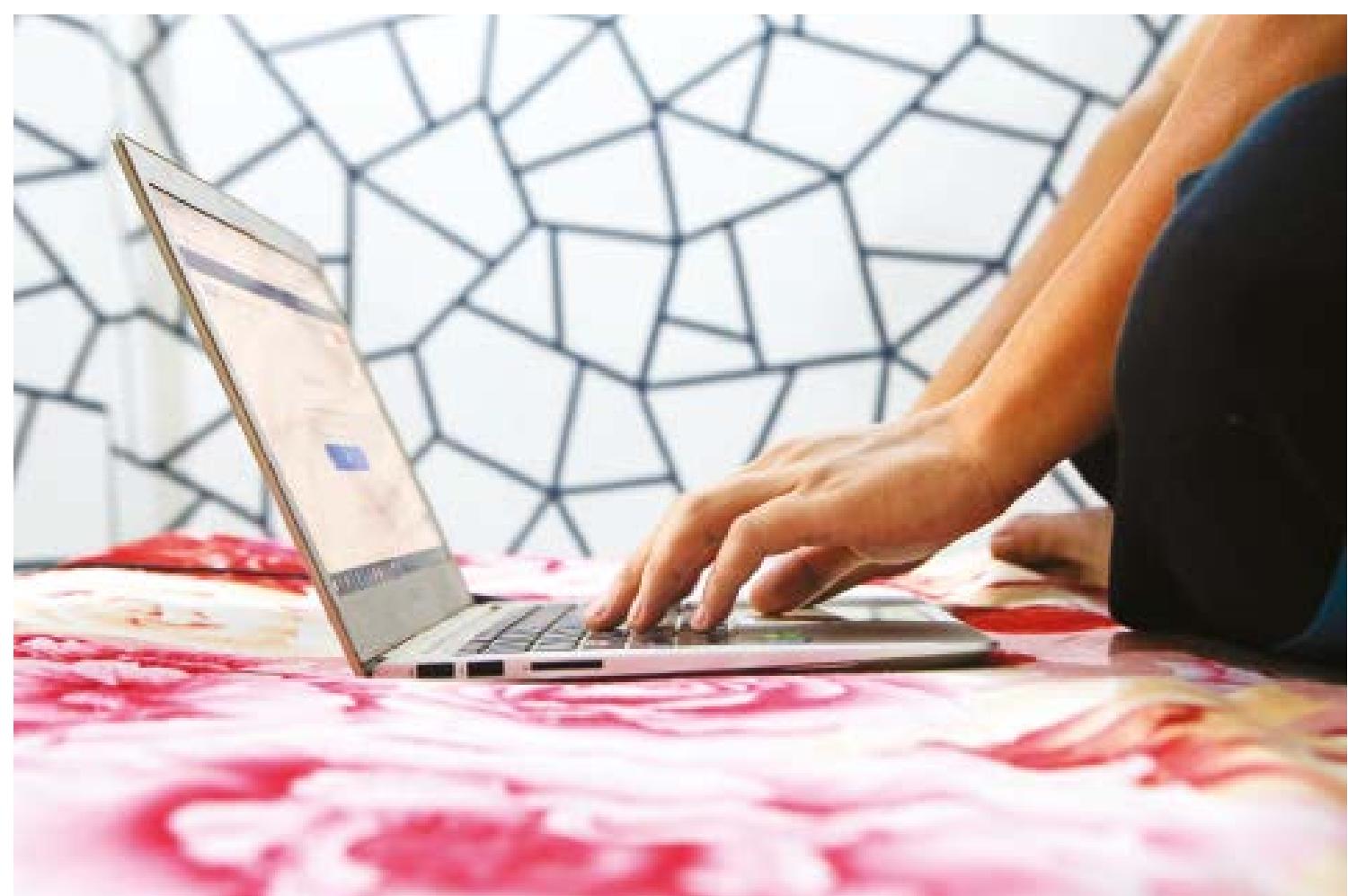
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