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ONLINE EDUCATION Paving the way for a more inclusive Bangladesh

Exploring how online learning platforms are breaking barriers and making education more accessible across different demographics in Bangladesh

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Bangladesh is a highly centralised country. With most opportunities being centralised to Dhaka, one of the most expensive cities in South Asia, students in Bangladesh need to cross two significant barriers, tests. This is most popularly geographical and financial, to access quality education.

On the contrary, the digitisation of Bangladesh has occurred nationwide. This raised an opportunity to bridge some of that gap in access to resources between students in Dhaka and those in rural and suburban areas. Edtech or Online learning platforms were very quick and successful in grabbing that opportunity, with a notably accelerated growth in their reach and prominence during the push to online learning during the

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Throughout the nation, students require guidance and mentorship to prepare for significant academic milestones, such as the SSC and HSC board exams and university admission offered through coaching classes. However, before the advent of Edtech platforms, the most qualified teachers and the best educational resources were usually available in Dhaka. Students outside of Dhaka would face a competitive disadvantage. Now, with the rising availability and prominence of Ed-tech platforms, some of that gap has been bridged. "Now, the people in rural and suburban areas can access educational content created by the same individuals providing that very service in person in Dhaka," shared Sakib Bin Rashid, Content Consultant and Professional Trainer at 10 Minute School, the nation's most widely known online learning platform.

Momen Tazwoar Momit, a 5 years. Recently, he started his student didn't get access to quality



own platform. "To be honest, it student at BUET and founder of all started during Covid. As we Facebook-based learning platform were compelled to move online, Physics+ICT Junction, has been the education market shifted involved with Ed-Tech for over drastically. Previously, a rural

This trend of lower, more accessible costs is consistent across platforms. content. Online education provides quality content at an affordable price, giving everyone a fair shot. Now if a student has a smartphone and stable internet, they can compete against any student in the country," was his hopeful insight on the merits of online learning platforms.

The efforts of these platforms to reach students from outside of Dhaka have been very successful, as per available data. According to the 2023 Learners Report of Shikho, a prominent online learning platform, 58% of learners availed from rural districts and 11% availed from semiurban districts, with the top exam scorers being from Rajshahi, Rangpur, and Khulna, in that order. The highest learning times were held in order by Sylhet, Chattogram, and Rangpur. Rashid shared with us that over half of the users at 10 Minute School avail from outside of Dhaka.

The numbers are just as hopeful with emerging platforms. "Seventy per cent of my students are from outside Dhaka and roughly half of them are from rural areas where quality teachers are unavailable. Some of my students now have the opportunity to dream big and I am so proud that I could be a part of it," shared Momit.

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