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## Online education: Paving the way for a more inclusive Bangladesh

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Online platforms are much cheaper and flexible compared to coaching classes where it is easy to fall behind very quickly if you end up missing a class, especially when you have a high workload."

Upon being asked about any benefits beyond the expected that he had received from choosing to use online learning platforms, Fahad expressed, "I feel like the real benefit of using an online platform to study lies in its flexibility. I was able to access study materials, lectures, and exam sheets

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at any time of the day. Most of these platforms have their own problem-solving Facebook groups where instructors or peers will reply within minutes of posting a problem. An online platform lets me be more flexible with my time and allows me to allocate the time saved into hobbies and personal time, which is hard to find when you have multiple coaching classes to chase after school."

On the question of any limitations of online learning platforms in Bangladesh, Sakib Bin Rashid shared that it has not been possible to

arrange for comprehensive testing or examinations yet. But consistent work is ongoing to eliminate this limitation.

However, the many merits of online learning platforms outweigh the present limitations.

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The growth potential of the field is endless and very hopeful. Some things we can expect in the future are online platforms using adaptive learning technologies to tailor courses to individual student's needs, providing a more personalised learning experience. This can help students progress at their own pace and receive targeted support where needed. We can hope for online platforms to incorporate accessibility features, such as subtitles, transcripts, and screen reader compatibility, to accommodate learners with disabilities. These developments will make education more holistically accessible to an even wider demographic.

At its present state, I believe the most hopeful beneficiaries of the advent of online learning platforms are young school-going children and board exam candidates. They allow them to forego the intensive coaching schedules after school, engage in more recreation, and access a more well-rounded education, at their own pace, with less economic burden, and access similar quality of resources and content regardless of geographical or financial privilege.

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