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Closed Circuit Educational TV

The incredible progress of science and technology has enabled man to walk on the moon and the television to report back to earth his eye witness account of its physical features and topography direct to space. And television programmes can now be transmitted from one end of the world to another by bouncing their signals off a satellite in the orbit.

But what is happening in our poor country where television is hardly giving any support to our formal education even by supplementing it by non-formal education programmes. Since television programme contents from evening to midnight everyday are stuffed with mainly propaganda and cheap entertainment programmes, including films the need of the hour is to establish close-circuit television for purely educational purposes.

Closed circuit educational TV now exists in Britain in over a hundred institutions in schools, colleges and universities. These are operating in London, Birmingham, Manchester, Bradford, Leeds, Cardiff, New Castle, Edinburg, Glasgow, Dundee and many other places. Also the Royal Airforce, the Army and even some commercial firms have installed closed circuit Educational Television for education and training purposes.

Local educational television has existed in the US for many many years now. School boards, colleges, universities and private schools have their own broadcasting systems. The Americans however differentiate between Instructional Television and Educational Television. Instructional programmes are broadcast in many subjects, social studies, music, science and mathematics according to the requirements of the students.

In Britain, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and the Independent Television Authority (ITA) broadcast instructional series on school text subjects and these are received in thousands of schools at the same time. These programmes are planned and telecast to enhance and supplement the work of the teachers in the classroom.