

E-learning platform for school students, teachers launched

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The government yesterday launched a platform containing e-learning resources for Class IX-X students and an e-manual for teachers with a view to making learning and teaching easier and interactive.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid inaugurated the online platform through a ceremony at the capital's Sonargaon hotel.

The website, <http://edutubebd.com/nctb>, contains animations, graphs, images, and video learning materials for scientific and mathematical terms.

The initiative was a joint venture of Asian Development Bank (ADB)-funded project Teaching Quality Improvement (TQI-II) and National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB), supported by Ethics Advanced Technology Ltd (EATL).

"The materials will help students learn their lessons easily and make reading more interesting. It will also help teachers deliver lectures in class," he said, speaking as chief guest.

Talking about quality of education, he said,

"Teachers need to be more dedicated and committed in class lectures rather than private tuition or coaching to increase quality of our education. Technological advancement is also needed."

He also said the government was working for the last two years to reduce the number of textbooks at the secondary level and making the books more attractive at all levels in order to increase the quality of education.

Md Alamgir, secretary of Technical and Madrasa Education Division, said the e-learning resources could make private tuition or coaching unnecessary.

Echoing him, Education Secretary Sohrab Hossain said this kind of learning materials should be launched for primary level students.

Prof Dr Narayan Chandra, chairman of NCTB; Dr SM Wahiduzzaman, director general at the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education; Zahir Uddin Babar, director of TQI-II project; and MA Mubin Khan, managing director of EATL, also spoke.