

Multimedia in classes of 20,500 high schools 1,515 govt primary schools also get them

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Multimedia classrooms have been set up in 20,500 secondary and 1,515 government primary schools across the country facilitating modern methods in teaching 4.2 million students, Primary and Mass Education Minister Mostafizur Rahman said yesterday.

The classrooms have been equipped with laptops, projectors and internet modems, and the teachers are trained on using the classrooms, he told a ceremony to launch a report of a study conducted by Save the Children at a hotel in the capital.

The study report "Mapping ICT in Education Initiatives in Bangladesh" has documented the ICT initiatives in education by the government, local and international NGOs and the private sector throughout the country.

The minister said though the government was firm to improve quality of education, expected results could not be attained due to "a lack of sincerity" of different quarters in the sector.

The study found that ICT is being used, to some extent, for e-content development, teachers' training, web portal creation for e-content sharing and teachers' networking, and in community learning centres for underprivileged groups.

But it is not being widely used to support student assessment, e-learning, programme monitoring and evaluation.

Sharon Hauser, development and quality director of Save the Children, among others, spoke.

According to Save the Children, the information gathered in the study will help exploration and review of the ICT in education with a view to guiding strategic thinking about the use of technology in Bangladesh's education sector.