

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF EDUCATION SYSTEM IN BANGLADESH DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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ABSTRACT

This paper intends to focus on the challenges and opportunities found during COVID-19 pandemic in the education system in Bangladesh. COVID-19 is a highly contagious disease which spread through human to human all around the world. In order to reduce the risk of spreading the disease in the mass scale of population, some measures like lockdown in the infected area, quarantine of the infected person(s), wearing a mask, maintaining physical distances, frequently washing hands and so on have been prescribed by WHO. As a result, all the educational institutions ranging from primary schools to universities have been closed down, which has a negative impact on the education system. This stalemate can't continue for a longer time. Consequently, as an alternative system, virtual learning system has been introduced in educational institutions of Bangladesh. In order to examine the virtual learning system in terms of challenges and opportunities, a group of students (10 in number) has undertaken the study. The group conduct a survey on 500 students from different educational institutes in Bangladesh. Out of 500 students, the study has taken 50 students as a sample. During conducting the study, it is clarified that education is the process which acts as a doorway to attain knowledge through academic and scholastic efforts, which is essential for both self-development and growth of a developing country like Bangladesh. Currently, the entire world is facing a great deal of complication because of COVID-19 pandemic and Bangladesh is not in exception. The students are facing a lot of problems viz; lost their regular attention towards their classes in comparison with the physical classes. During class, a communication gap between teachers and students is observed. Besides, the internet connection is not that good in Bangladesh, which hampers the environment of learning. On the other hand, most of the student did not have any access to the internet. The main focus of study is to find out the challenges and opportunities. It is clear from the study that there are some challenges such as, the learning environment is being hampered due to virtual class and lack of technical infrastructure. Despite its downfall it also provides some opportunities like adopting new technological knowledge helping us in achieving a sustainable development plan in education.

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