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## Educationists for engaging students with technology for learning

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Local and foreign educationists on Sunday emphasised on engaging students with technology for learning.

They expressed their opinion at a workshop on 'Faculty Development on Open Educational Resources based Blended Learning at Bangladesh Open University' held at the e-Learning Centre of the university's Gazipur campus.

They also viewed their opinion in favour of extensive use of OERs in the delivery of open university programmes.

The three-day workshop was organised by open school BOU under financial and technology support from the Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia, said a press release issued by the university.

While inaugurating the workshop, BOU vice-chancellor professor Syed Humayun Akhter emphasised on the use of text transformative concept video suitable for use on mobile phone.

‘Information technology is an integral part of everyone’s life. In this scenario, we must seize this opportunity, and to achieve that, these short-duration videos are highly compatible for using on smartphones and have a significant impact on student learning,’ he added.

As chief trainer of the workshop, Sangam University, Rajasthan (India) pro-VC professor Manas Ranjan Panigrahi said that engaging learners through technology posed challenges, but it could overcome through strategic implementation.

BOU’s 32 teachers are participating in the workshop who works on effectiveness of texts and text transformative videos in OER-based blended learning environment under the chair of professor Sabina Yeasmin, dean of open school.

The workshop was conducted by open school member Md Mizanoor Rahman.

BOU pro-VC (admin) professor Nasim Banu, pro-VC (academic) professor Mahbuba Nasreen and treasurer professor Mostafa Azad Kamal and registrar M Shafiqul Alam were the guest of honours.



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