EVE TEASING, TEARS OF THE GIRLS: Bangladesh Open University towards Women Empowerment

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ABSTRACT

Many Young girls of Bangladesh are curtailed from education, which is their basic right due to eve teasing. Parents are afraid of their daughter’s honor, family and social prestige, so ensure the safety of the daughters; sometimes they take the decision to withdraw their daughters from schools and colleges. Most of the time this type of occurrence like eve teasing happen when girls were in the way to educational institutions. In our country most of the people are devoid of their basic rights and they are considered as the disadvantaged group. The fruits of technology and modernity are the subject of enjoyment of the privileged class of the society.

So the Open University is the bridge of information among the disadvantaged people based on their needs, culture, environment and economic status. Promoting open and distance learning is a crying needs especially in the context of Bangladesh where more than 60% of total population is illiterate and living below poverty line. Their main objective of BOU is to reach the unreached. From the empirical study, it has been found that women are benefited mostly from BOU. They are other disadvantaged groups of women who are economically, socially, geographically and culturally disadvantaged.

The aim of this article is to examine the role that open and distance learning how it plays in providing access to secondary education for girls in Bangladesh giving emphasis on overcoming physical mobility and social security problem of the young girl due to eve teasing.

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