

Universities (Public and Private):

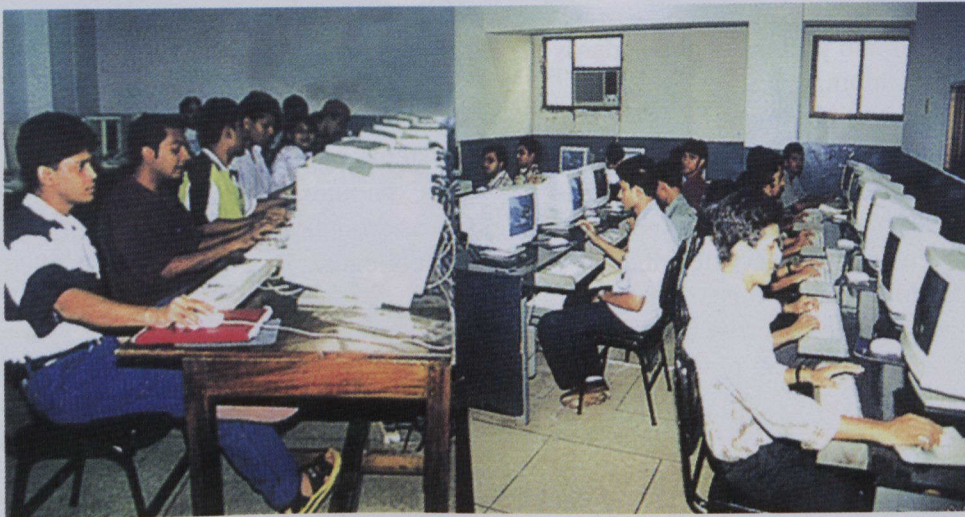
- Computer Science/ Information Technology is number one in the top ten programs requested by students on higher education.
- Almost all the universities have established a computer science department to cater to the needs of the students' interest for computer studies.

Training Centres:

- According to the National Education Policy - Training centres for information technology will be established at the district and upazila level (rural areas of Bangladesh).
- Presently there are 413 training centres in the country. There are 21,000 learners and 1300 teachers (25% female trainees).

Technology:

In 1996 the government decided to allow private companies to act as Internet Services Providers (ISPs) using VSATs. At present, there are about 40,000 account holders with the ISPs and the total number of users would be around 200,000. The slow speed of access provided by VSAT's (max 128.8 kbps) has been a major constraint; however, the decision of the government in March 2000 to deregulate the installation and operation of VSATs has already resulted in substantial lowering of access costs and increase in speed. A number of cyber cafes providing e-mail and Internet browsing facilities have been opened in Dhaka. These are popular among the younger generation. Public kiosks with Internet facilities are also being planned. A submarine fibre optic cable link will be installed soon.



Computer Training