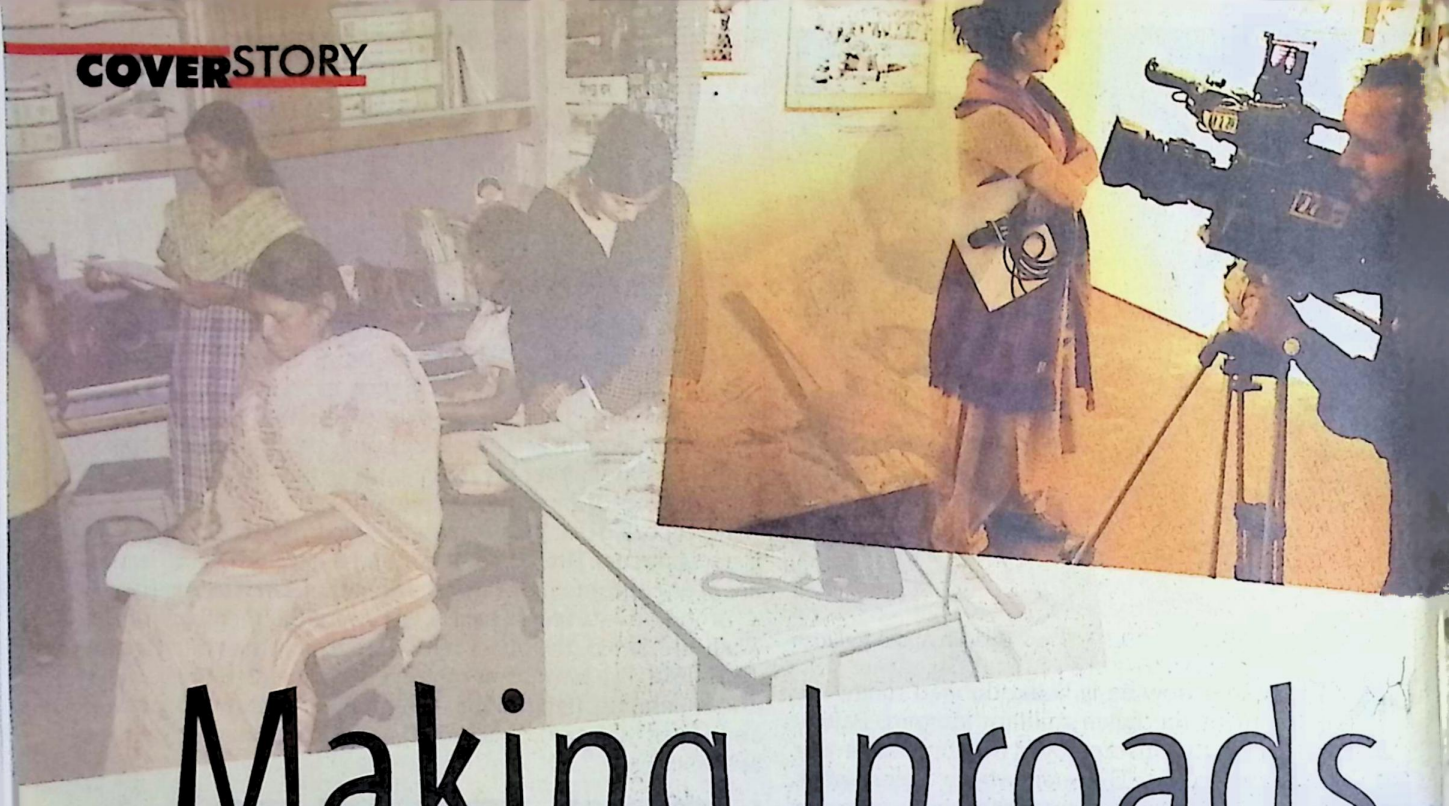


Making Inroads for the Others



If ever there was a profession suited for women it most certainly is journalism. Women are by nature sensitive, compassionate and lovers of honesty - all attributes needed to be a good journalist. Which is why there are more and more women in the print and electronic media today all over the world. Compared to even neighbouring countries however, the number of women in the news media in Bangladesh is still significantly low and even lower in the newsrooms. Women journalists still have to face discrimination, harassment and deprecation in their work environment. Yet in spite of the chauvinism and constant struggle to prove their worth, there are those who have survived the sexist comments and lack of recognition, holding on to their profession tenaciously and bravely. SWM speaks to a few of these courageous women who have stayed on in this challenging profession and are making inroads for the next generation of women journalists.

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