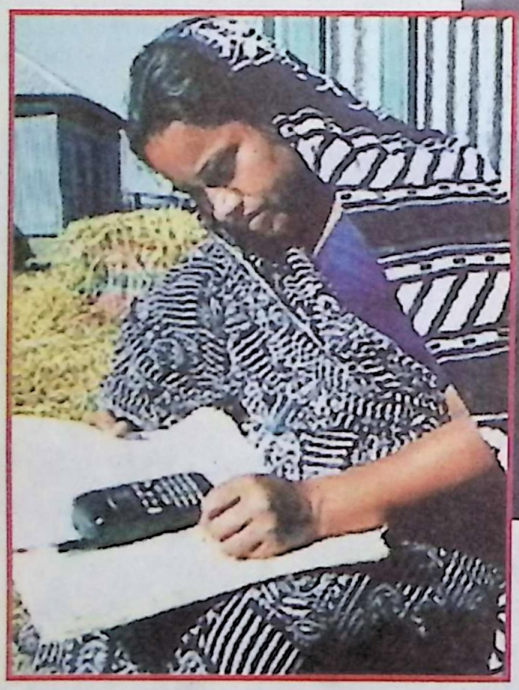


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Thus stepping into a new year, the very first resolution of our country should be to create a stable political environment that nurtures the business sector, as opposed to thwarting its growth. This includes a corruption free support from the Government, and a promise from the opposition not to go for unnecessary strikes. This also includes improving the law and order in the country. I admit, quite frankly, that it's pretty hard (read: impossible) to imagine the government and the opposition in Bangladesh working hand in hand. However, no one is expecting the new Government and the opposition to become best friends all of a sudden. A little more co-operation amidst themselves than what was witnessed in the past may just make all the difference.



### I will create more employment opportunities

With the ongoing global recession and with a declining job market in Bangladesh, prospective graduates are scared about what to expect once they enter the job market. Although the recession has affected the entire world, the effect on Bangladesh might be less in comparison to the neighbouring countries. If Bangladesh is resolute, certain sectors can still be garnished to create employment. We have seen that despite bad economy many financial institutions have gone for expansion in the past two years, recruiting more employees and some even opting for a complete brand re-engineering. Call Centers are also coming up in Bangladesh. If pressed well these opportunities may actually provide a way out.

Moreover, Bangladesh as a nation should have a resolution to promote entrepreneurship. This requires co-operation from the Government and a change in mind set from the rest of us. As a nation, we do not promote entrepreneurship. Starting your own business is usually deemed inferior in comparison to working in a reputed organization. However, given the state of our country, developing a positive attitude towards entrepreneurship is vital. The young generation needs to believe that they do not have to look for jobs as soon as they graduate. They can open businesses of their own and not only be self-employed, but also employ many others eventually.