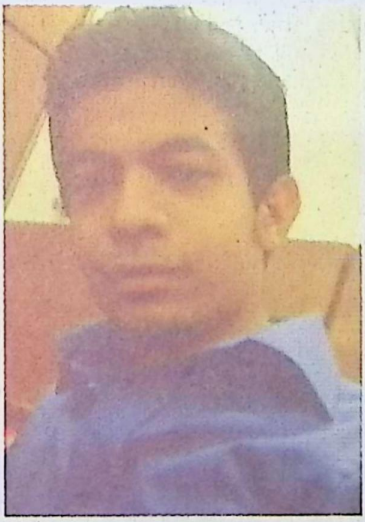
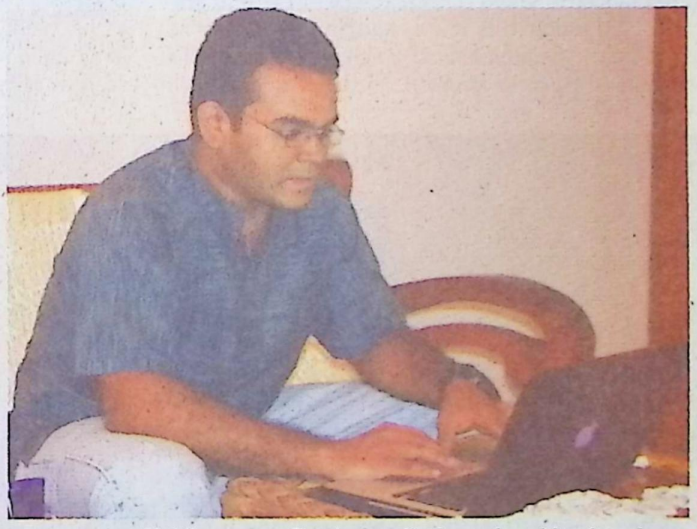
After his blog was mentioned in Prothom-Alo and a number of magazines, there has been no looking back. A passionate gamer, Rahman breaks all the latest gaming news and analyses current gaming trends.

While game reviewing may be someone's elixir, others take their love for words a notch higher by freelance writing for e-magazines or various writers' groups. Shayera Moula, a Masters student wrote for International Writer's Group, a centre based in Malaysia that would collect materials before sending them out to other magazines. Writing on varying topics, from climate change to Christmas preparations, Moula was required to submit a total of 1500 words a day at an attractive pay.



Jawad Chowdhury uses his marketing skills to convince foreign cell phone users.



Mohibuzzaman Zico knows the joys of working from home.

With the increase of Internet-dependency, newer ideas are bound to emerge, as lives are made simpler. It may even revolutionise the current job market and make channels for more innovations to take place. Our telecommunication sector has seen some grand advancement, but we are still far from calling ourselves a knowledge-based society. The term 'digital Bangladesh' has not seen the light of day as of yet and before the actual meaning is lost upon countless casual applications of the phrase, let's recount the real significance of this certain promise our leaders still intend to keep. Moving towards digital Bangladesh does not imply that the urban young groups of the country will be more sophisticated consumers of high-tech devices based on high-speed Internet infrastructure. The goal is to accelerate decision-making processes, monitor the performance of the government functionaries at all levels starting from the national parliament to administrative offices at districts, *upazilas* and down to the schools at village levels. But weak infrastructure and a staggering bandwidth price of broadband Internet leave these new lines of jobs on shaky grounds. Call centres share a lone submarine Internet cable, and require costly power generators to cover frequent load-shedding outages. It is the same hurdle faced by jobs that necessitate constant connectivity.

M. Shefayet Hossain, Public Relations Officer of the Telecommunications Ministry, is aware of the reality and mentions projects of other alternatives to improve data transmission that are underway use of optical fibre, satellite installation and a second submarine line. He also added that Teletalk, a state-owned cell phone operator, is soon to open a 3G network that would help ease things.

The skills that these innovative career options call for are present in our country. Lack of resources, a shaky infrastructure and weak broadband connectivity are only a few of the problems that this expanding industry face, the reason why many talented people today vie for jobs abroad where they will be able to put their skills to use. Let us hope Bangladesh gets to safeguard her talents before they run to waste.