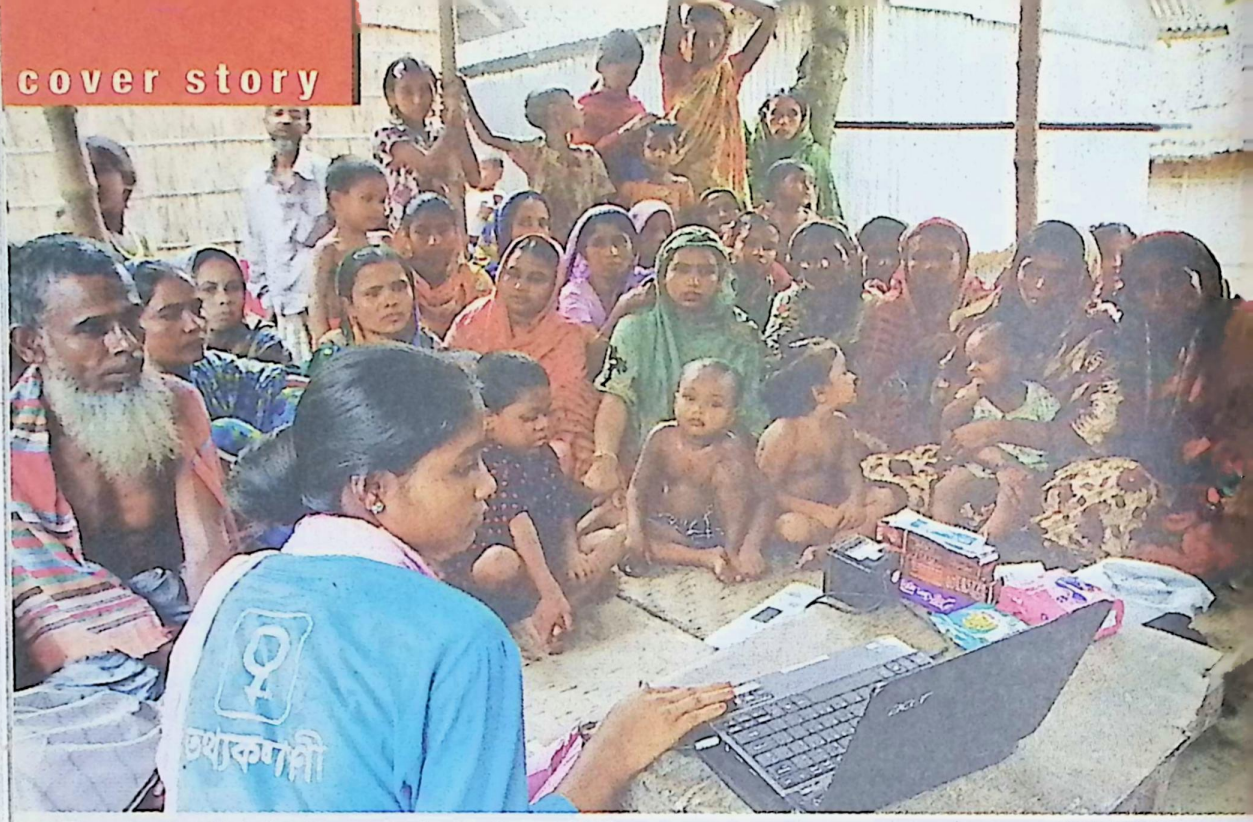


The government is trying to reach rural areas through UISC.

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Md Nazrul Islam Khan, the leader of the team which is working to achieve a digital Bangladesh.

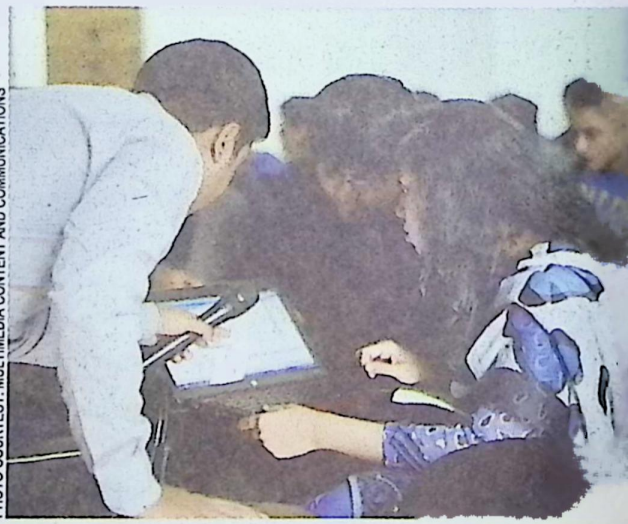


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An independent national certifying authority has been formed to digitalise official signatures and other information. To prevent this huge virtual establishment from intruders and hackers, the government has also formed a strong army of cyber security experts under the MoICT.

Besides making government services available online, the ICT division of the ministry has been training students to develop mobile phone applications. Khan says, "We are trying to engage our youth to develop apps for mobile phones so that we can provide most of our services through mobile phones. It's the most effective way to reach the people in the remotest parts of the country." Khan says he went to different universities and polytechnic institutes to engage the students of computer sciences in developing mobile phone apps.

Workshops and training programmes are provided in different districts and Upazilas. Zohurul Hasan, one of the trainees from Jessore, says, "The training was very effective. There is however a