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## A Career in Music?

Top young musicians of Bangladesh discuss

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At one point in life, many of us asked ourselves if it was possible to search for an alternative career path. Even though the music industry has seen a decline for the past few years due to factors like piracy, it is slowly recovering and younger artists are paving the way for music to be a viable career choice. Five shining stars of the music industry: Pritom Hasan, Tashfee, Musharrat Jahan Aanchal, Oyshee and Ishmamul Farhad, discuss real career prospects in the music industry of Bangladesh in a roundtable interview held at The Daily Star.

To begin with, Pritom Hasan says, "I'll get one thing out of the way, people think that music producers earn a fortune, but it's not true." The young music director recently worked on his single "Rajkumar", which is currently earning a great deal of attention. "Even though the industry has progressed significantly, we have demoted in many ways as well. My father was a singer, and in his times, musicians used to get a lot of respect and admiration from people. I feel that it is missing from the society at the moment," says Pritom. However, Oyshee had a different take. She believes that dedication is the key to making it in the business. She says, "Although I agree with Pritom upto a certain point, I do think that it is possible to earn people's respect through hard work and passion. However, it is an extremely risky prospect to set out to become a singer, just because of the turbulence of the market. Oyshee recently waded into the international bandwagon with her signing with Sree Venkatesh Films in India.



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(l-r) Pritom Hasan, Tashfee, Musharrat Jahan Aanchal, Oyshee and Ishmamul Farhad

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