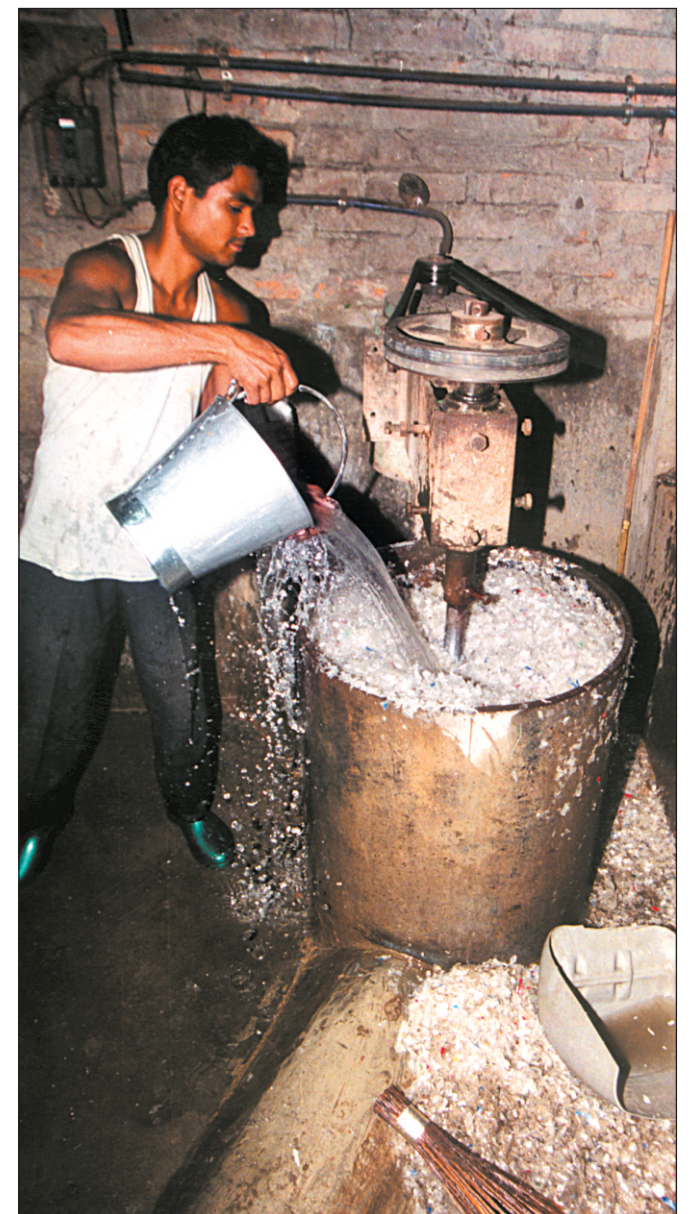


## NOTHING GOES UNUSED



**D**iscarded plastic containers and mineral water bottles often go unused. But nowadays some businessmen in Lalbagh, Kamrangir Char and Islambagh areas in the city have started to export them in powdered form. Poor women and children collect the bottles and sell them to the businessmen at Tk 10-12 a kilogram. Factory owners classify them according to the type and character and finally grind them into powder by machine. After washing the plastic powder they dry them off on the streets. But the local container industries import the powder at around Tk 80 per kilogram.

Experts say that if businesspeople in the plastic sector had technology to recycle the plastic bottles, it could have been a growing industry in the country.

