



WASTE BRINGS PROFITS

MATUAIL solid-waste dumpsite on the outskirts of Dhaka is a vision of sprawling mountains of garbage on 52 acres of land with a toxic odour of greenhouse gases and bacteria polluting environment. Every day around 1,500 tonnes of waste is dumped on this site which, unfortunately, is less than 40 percent of the waste produced in the capital city each day. Some non-governmental organisations have been using a simple technology to turn this vast land of solid waste into a profitable resource. Each month a plant produces 3 million tonnes of bio-fertiliser, which is sold for Tk 250 a kg. The idea, first of its kind in Bangladesh, has proven immensely successful not only by making use of solid waste as a profit-making venture, but also by providing employment for thousands of people around the country.

