# PLASTICS : A BOON Or A BANE

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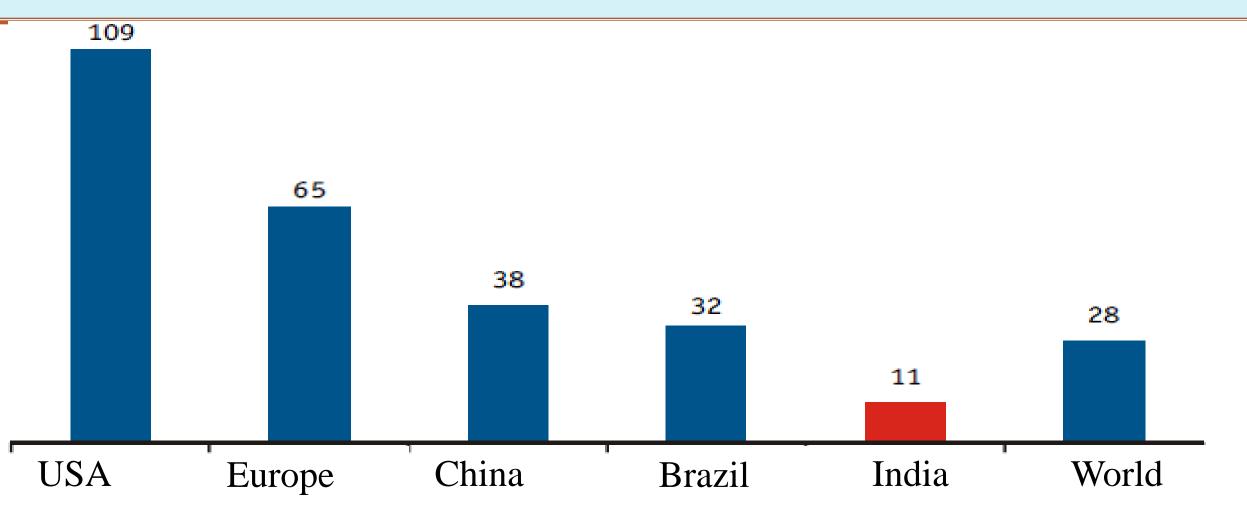
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: BEATING PLASTICS POLLUTION

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# **Global Facts**

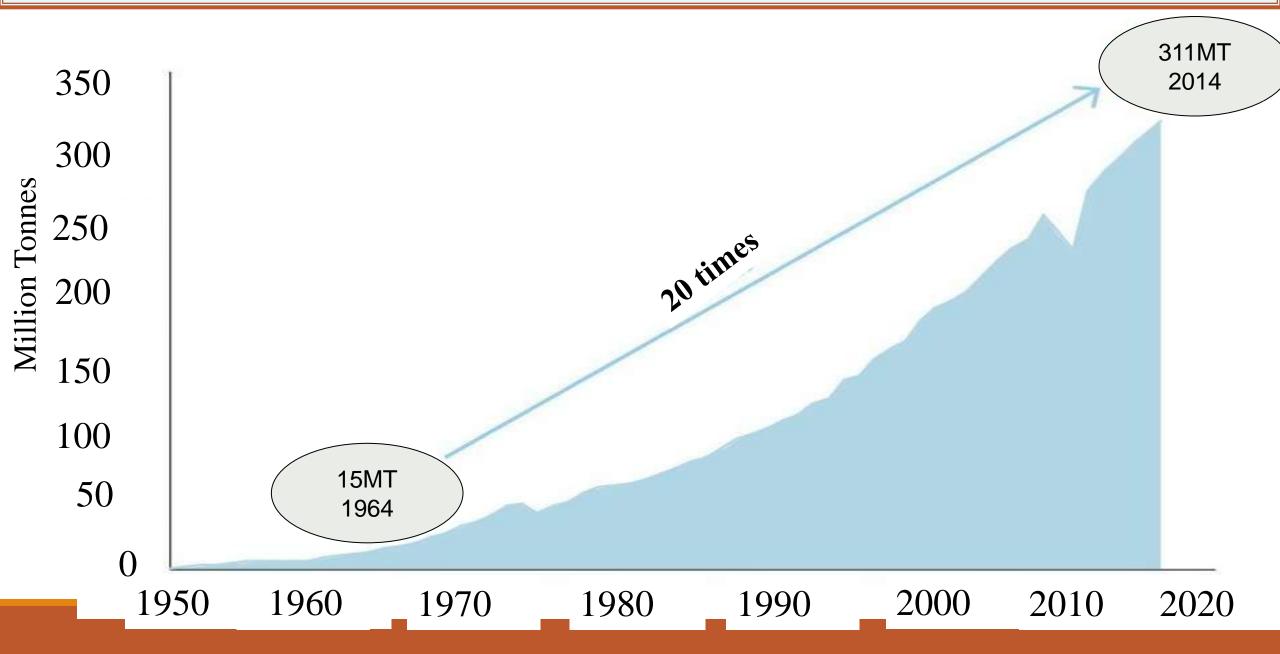
- □Global plastics consumption is ~200 million tons; 5% CAGR.
- At least 267 different marine species known to have suffered
  - from entanglement or ingestion of plastics debris.
- Currently, As low as 10% of the total Plastics is recycled.
- The world average per capita plastics consumption is 26 kg.
- Per capita plastics usage per capita Gross National

#### Per capita consumption of plastics Products (2017)Kg/person

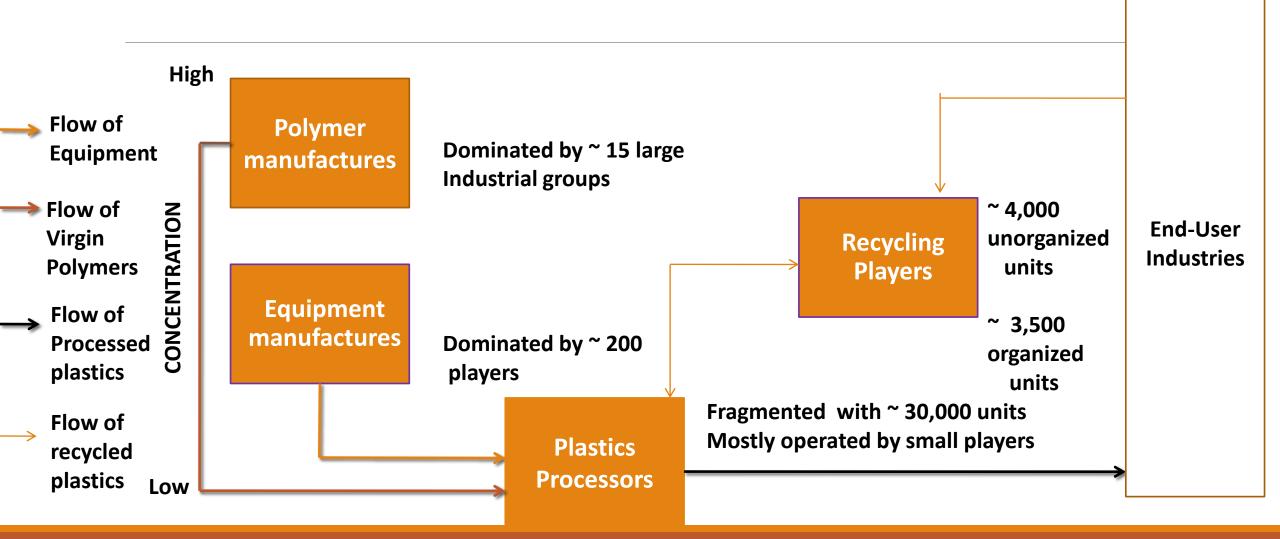


> The low consumption level indicates an enormous growth potential for the plastics sector in India.

#### **Growth in Global Plastics Production& Various Modes**

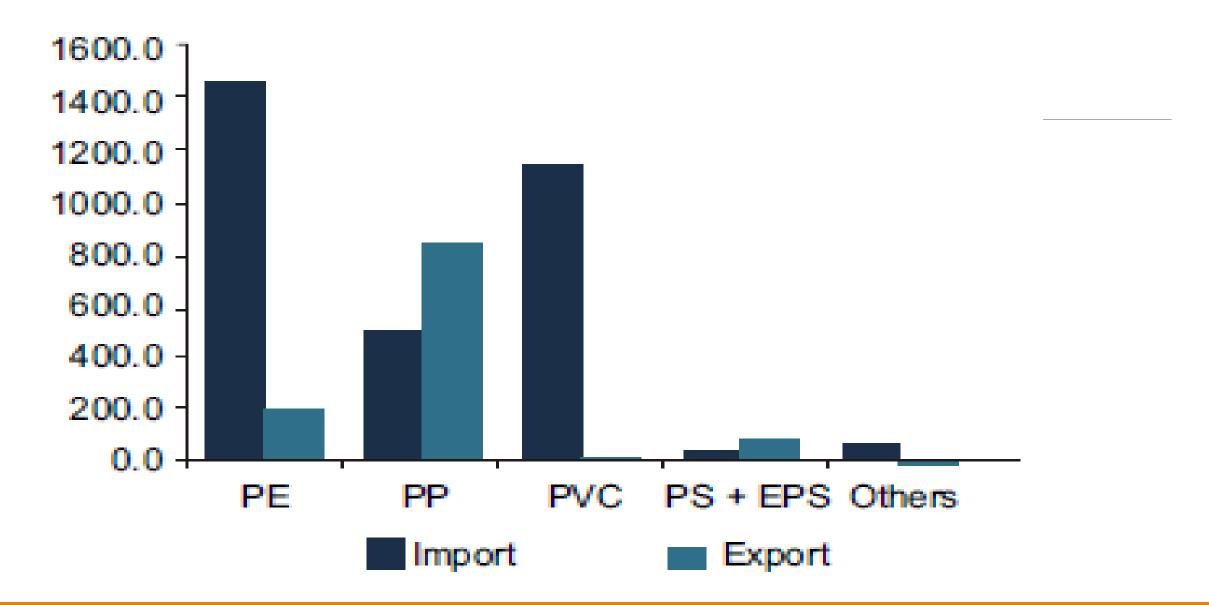


### Structure of Indian Plastics Industry



Source: CRISIL, Plastindia Foundation, Kanvic, TSMG Analysis

#### **Import-Export Scenario of Plastics (in KT), 2013**



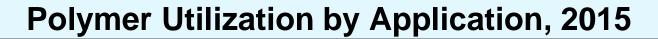
#### Figure 9: Demand-supply scenario of plastics, Fy13

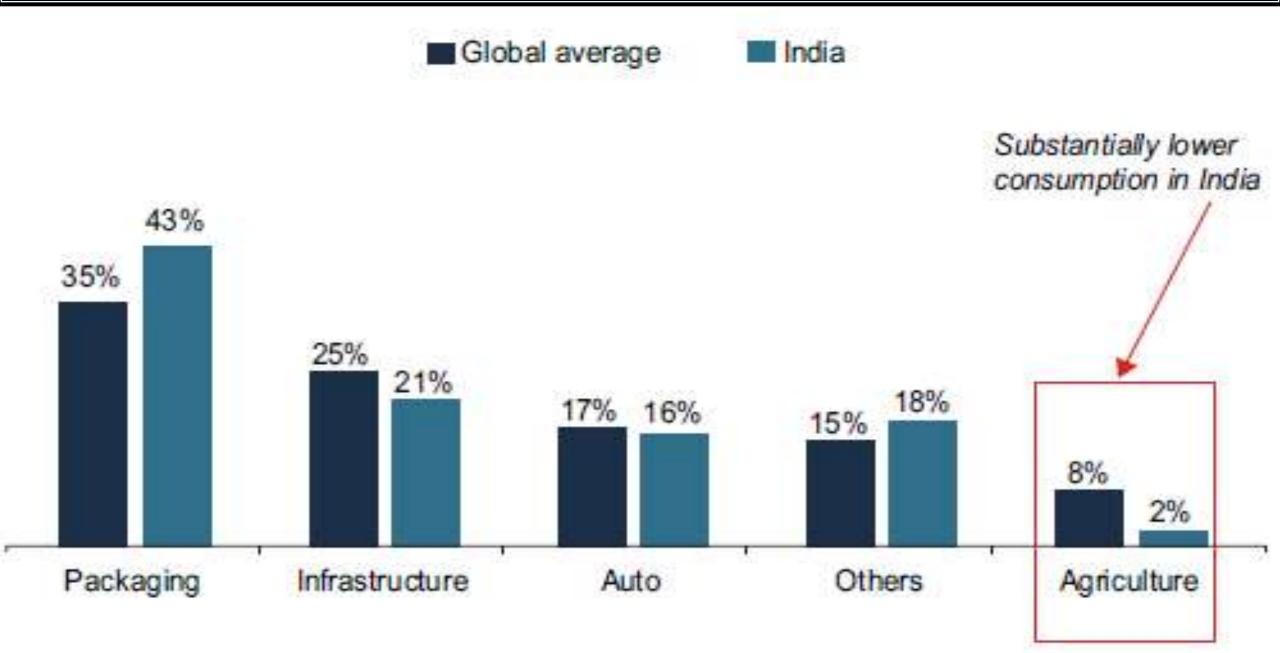
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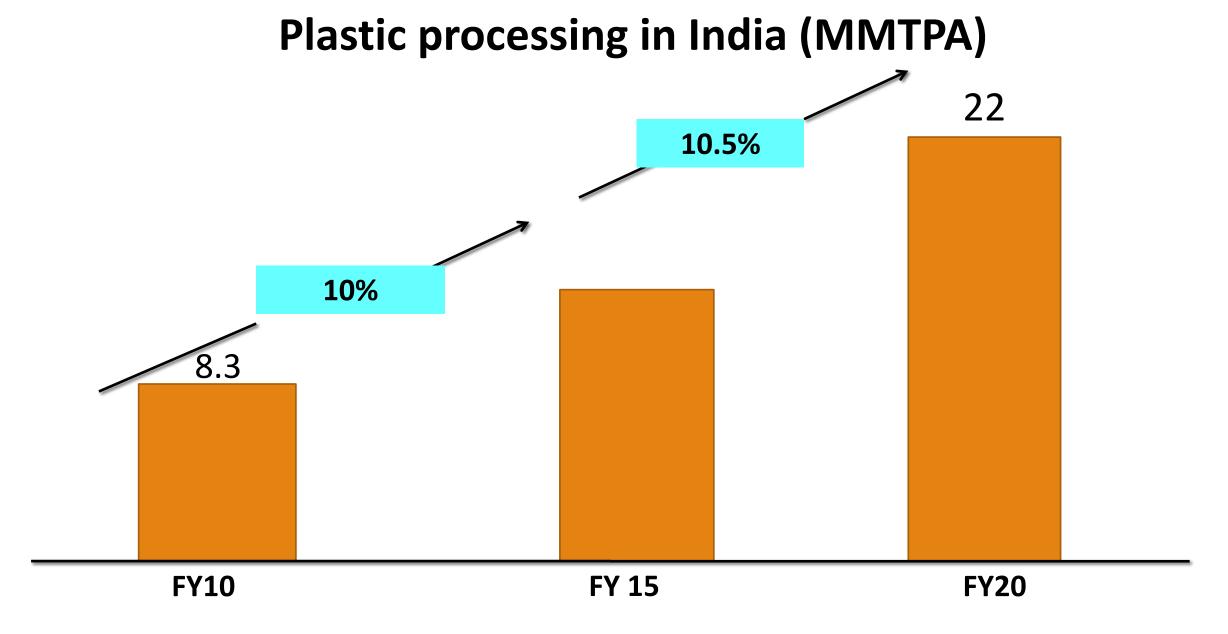
Production

Source: Govt. of India Statistics, Analysis by Tata Strategic

Consumption







### **Snapshot of the Indian Plastics Processing Industry**

Estimated size of plastic processing in value (FY 15)	~ INR 1 LAKH CRORE
Market size in volume (FY15)	<b>13.4MMTPA</b>
Processing Units	> 30,000
Technical manpower (as per CIPET)	11 lakh employees
Growth Rate	10-11%
Per Capita Plastic Consumption	11 kg (World: 28

### Agriculture

- Advanced Agricultural technology
- Distribution channels
- Refrigerated storage

### Infrastructure

- Building & Construction
- Public utilities services
- Mega highway projects

Plastic demand growth drivers

#### Other growth areas

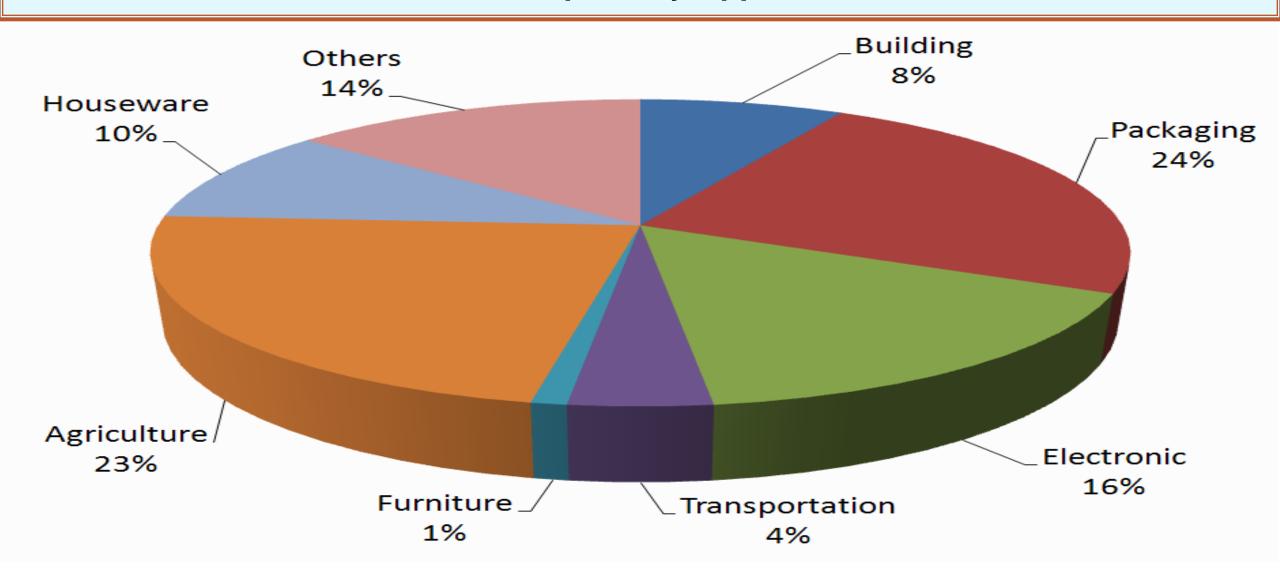
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- Industrial/rigid packaging
  - Automotive/Appliances
- Medical/personal care

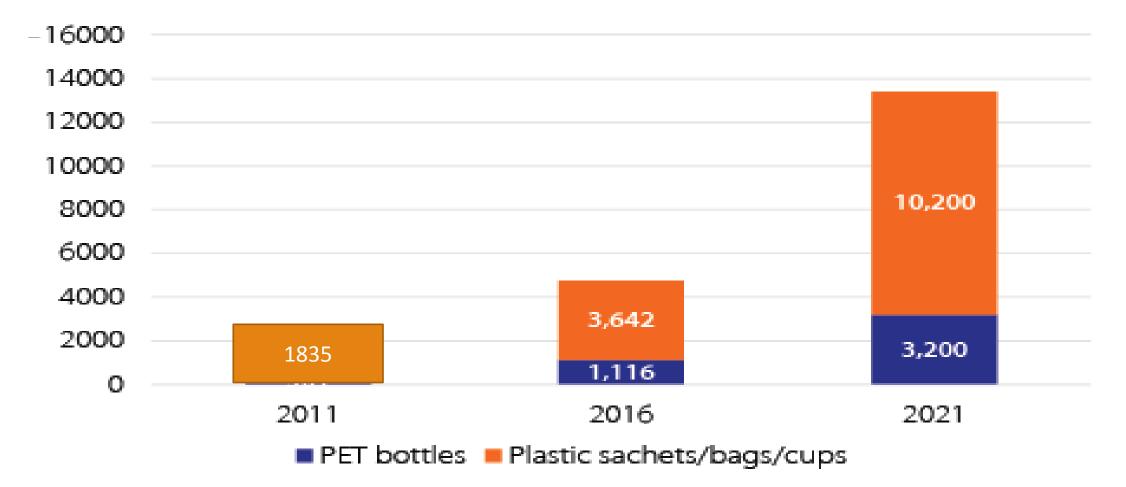
#### **Packaging Industry**

- Food/Processed food
- FMCG items
- Packaged & fast food industry

#### **Plastics Consumption by Application : India**

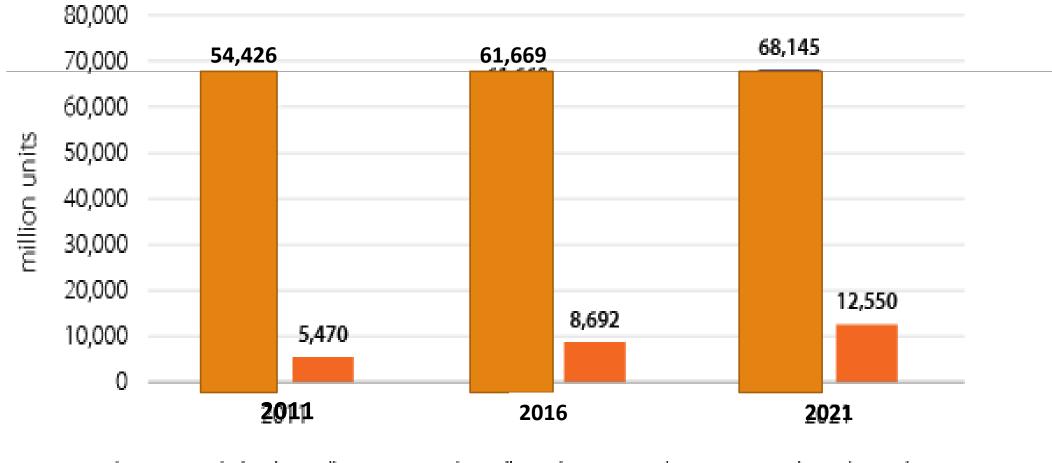


# Consumption trends for water packaging in plastics sachets, bottles, and cups (in million units per year) in India



Source: Global Data, Rabobank analysis 2018

# Primary plastics packaging usage in milk in India (in million units per year)



Plastic pouch (PE based)

Others (liquid cartons, glass, paper, other plastics)

Source: GlobalData, Rabobank analysis

# **PLASTICS : A BOON**

Plastics are a unique material that can substitute metal, wood,

paper and what not.

Plastics are wonderful materials, not depleting natural resources.

Extreme versatility and ability to be tailored to meet very specific

technical needs.

Substitution of wooden furniture by plastics; saves environment

#### from felling trees.

### **Plastics: Advantages**

Easy to handle

Excellent thermal & electrical Insulation properties

Water Resistance to water, chemicals & stress

Easy to Handle

Durable

Easy to clean

Versatile

Hygienic for Food packaging

Available in different colours

Light weight

ratively Inexpensive as

compared to other material

Recyclable

Since introduction of plastics in 1950s they have countless advances in our industry and way of life

Indian plastic industry is making significant contribution to economic development & growth of various key sectors that includes Automotive, Construction, Electronics, Healthcare, Textiles, and FMCG..

### **Plastics in Food Packaging**

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Secondary Packs	Jute substitution	Packaged Crates	Glass substitution	Active packaging (MAP)	Vacuum Packaging		
storage space <ul> <li>Ease of <ul> <li>handling</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>High strength for packing pulses, grains, flours, etc</li> <li>Enhanced storage life</li> </ul>	space	Cost effective Easy to transport Provides barrier properties during shelf life	<ul> <li>Maintains freshness by simultaneous respiration &amp; permeation</li> <li>Equilibrium packaging atmosphere is created with appropriate % O2 &amp; CO2</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Multi-layer packaging</li> <li>No fumigation required</li> <li>Long shelf life</li> </ul>		

#### **Plastics in Agriculture**





- Avoid extreme temp.
- Provide appropriate env. conditions
- Prevent plants from direct sunlight
- Reduced pesticide use
- Helps maintain humidity
- Prevents contamination from weeds
- Avoids contact between plant & ground
- Prevents soil erosion
- Used for short plants
- Avoid extreme temp.
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- Reduced pesticide use
- Plastic irrigation pipes prevent waste of water and nutrients
- Rain water can be retained in reservoirs built with plastics
- •Water is distributed via pipes, drop irrigation systems

Boxes & Crates for crop collection, handling & transport



• For storing animals grains & straw during winter,

 Resistant & content can be stored for years.

> Plasticulture has provided Innovative and sustainable solutions to Agriculture

• Prevents moisture evaporation

#### **Plastics in Automotive Industry**

Engineered Thermoplastic Solutions

#### Instrument Panels

- > Retainers
- > Center Stacks
- > Back-lit Buttons & Switches

#### **Door Systems**

- > Lift Components
- > Module Carriers
- > Latches
- > Handles

#### Fuel Systems

- > Gas Caps
- > Clips
- > Connectors
- > Filler Tubes

#### **Pedal Boxes**

- > Housings
- > Brackets
- > Wear Components

### Sunroofs

- > Rails
- > Slides
- > Housings

#### Seating

- > Arm Rests
- > Seat Pans
- > Slides
- > Handles

### Airbag Retainers

- > Housings
- > Brackets

#### **Shifter Bases**

> Housings > Levers

> Frames

#### Drivetrain

- > Seal Rings
- > Thrust Washers
- > Bushings

#### Sensor Housings

- > Drivetrain
- > Emission
- > Safety & Security

#### Front End Modules

- > Carriers
- > GOR's
- > Cooling Modules



# **PLASTICS : A BANE**

Disposal of plastic is a challenge even to the modern society
 Polycarbonate, used to make transparent baby bottles has Bisphenol A (BPA), a known hormone disruptor can lead to cancer, insulin resistance, inflammation, and heart disease.

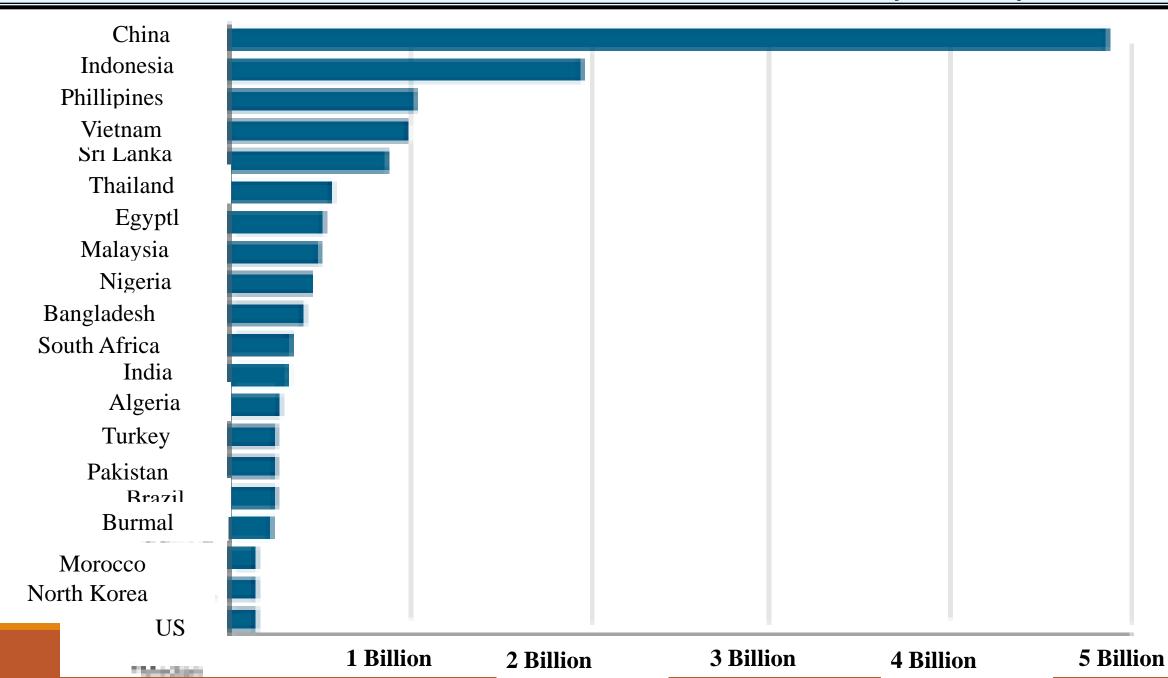
can cause skin allergies or dreadful disease like cancer due to repeated recycle of degradable plastics

Plasticizers like phthalates are suspected to cause upheaval in the hormone systems of Burning of Chlorinated plastics release carcinogens: dioxins and furans animals and people, especially kids.

## **Plastics: A Bane**

- Every product has a shelf life, but sadly that is not the case with plastics.
- Burning of Chlorinated plastics release carcinogens: dioxins and furans
- India generates around 56 lakh tonnes of plastic waste annually, where <u>Delhi</u> alone accounts for 9,600 metric tonnes per day.
- Plastic menace is also one of the major causes that is making <u>waste management</u> an Herculean task for the country.

#### Plastic Debris contributed to Oceans in 2010 (Pounds)



Humans have created about 8.3 billion metric tons of plastics till date outgrowing al other man-made materials other than steel & cement

#### How heavy is 8.3 billion metric tons?

#### **Rapid Rise of Plastics**

A world without plastics seems unimaginable today, although their large scale production and usage dates back to around 1950



#### Waste Generated by Different Indian Cities: Plastics Waste/day in2014-15



# Around The World: How Are Countries Dealing With Plastics

France: The country passed a 'Plastic Ban' law in 2016 to fight the growing problem of plastic pollution in the world which states all plastic plates, cups, and utensils will be banned by 2020.

Sweden is following the policy of 'No Plastic Ban, Instead More Plastic Recycling.'

□ Ireland is the perfect example that shows how one can get rid of the ubiquitous symbol of urban life – Plastics. The country passed a plastic bag tax in 2002 – that means that consumers would have to actually purchase bags. It was so high that within weeks of its implementation there was a reduction of 94 percent in plastic bag use.

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□ China: The country instated a law in 2008 to deal with its growing plastic woes. China made it illegal for stores (small or big vendors) to give out plastic bags for free. It also said that owners should start charging the consumers for the plastic bags and allowed them to keep any profit they made for themselves. End result, after two years of the law implementation, usage of plastic bags dropped by a whopping 50%. That means around 100 billion plastic bags were kept out of the landfills.

**Rwanda:** The country too suffered from plastic pollution like any other developing country, there were billions of plastic bags choking waterways and destroying entire ecosystems of Rwanda. To fight this scourge, the government launched a radical policy to ban all non-biodegradable plastic from the country.

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