PLASTIC - A NUISANCE

Plastic has many valuable uses that we have become addicted to single-use or disposable plastic but it has severe environmental and health consequences. Some facts-

Ingestion of plastic kills an estimated **1 million** marine birds

About 60% of **8.3 billion tonnes** of plastic has ended up in either a landfill or the natural environment

India generates **15 million** tonnes of plastic waste every year

People consume about **5 grams** of microplastic a week, equivalent to the weight of a credit card

one million plastic drinking bottles are purchased every minute, around the world

Every minute of every day **a truckload** of plastic is dumped into the ocean

8 million tonnes of plastic end up in the world's oceans every year

Only **9 percent** of all plastic waste ever produced has been recycled

Plastic debris in the ocean kills more than **1 million** marine animals

Plastic waste can persist in the environment (Land or Ocean) for **centuries**