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 **Down to Earth** Chapter 17 · 1 min read ·

- **Lancet Planetary Health Study:** Plastics-related emissions caused loss of **2.1 million DALYs** globally in 2016
- Under business-as-usual, this will double to **4.5 million DALYs annually** by 2040
- Drivers: climate effects (~**40%**), air pollution (~**32%**), toxic chemicals (~**27%**)

UPSC Angle

- **GS3:** Environment, pollution, health

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