

PRESS RELEASE**GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU BANS NYLON THREAD COATED WITH GLASS / MANJHA IN TAMIL NADU**

Government of Tamil Nadu has brought a complete ban on the manufacture, sale, storage, purchase, supply, import and use of kite flying threads made out of nylon, plastic or any other synthetic material popularly known as 'Manjha thread' coated with synthetic substance and is non-biodegradable. An order to this effect was issued by the Government on 6th October, 2023 which was further notified in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette on 30th October.

The Government order stated that the plastic coated Manjha thread was responsible for causing severe injury and sometimes even death of people, animals and especially birds during the kite flying competitions or otherwise. These plastic coated manjha threads cause severe environmental degradation by choking drainage lines and water bodies. It also causes suffocation of birds and other animals. In order to safeguard the lives of people, animals and birds, a complete ban has been brought on the manufacture, sale, storage, purchase, supply, import and use of kite flying thread / Manjha made out of nylon, plastic and any other synthetic material.

The Government order authorises all District Collectors, Officers of the rank of Forest Range Officers and above in the Forest Department, Officers of the rank of Sub-inspectors and above in the Tamil Nadu Police Department and Commissioners of the Corporations, Municipalities and Officers of the Local Bodies.

Contravention of the ban shall be penalised under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, (Central Act 29 of 1986).

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