



## Cyberabad Police Press Release



### **The Deadly Grip of Manja: A Warning to the Public**

Recent accidents across the state involving **Nylon "Chinese" Manja** and glass or metal-coated sharp threads have caused significant alarm. While flying a kite is a source of joy in the sky, the discarded manja on the road is becoming a cause of death. This is deeply regrettable as it poses a severe threat to humans, animals, and birds alike.

In the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate limits—specifically areas like **Miyapur, Chandanagar Main Road, Madhapur, HITECH City, Kukatpally, and Gachibowli**—several incidents have occurred where two-wheeler riders suffered throat injuries due to Chinese manja. Recently, a rider on the Balanagar road sustained severe neck injuries in the middle of traffic. Kites flown from apartments and rooftops often get entangled in tree branches or power lines, hanging over roads and leading to these fatal accidents.

### **Why it is Dangerous**

Chinese manja is made of nylon or synthetic fiber and coated with glass powder or metal dust, making it extremely sharp and hazardous. If this thread wraps around a person's neck at high speed, it can cause profuse bleeding and immediate danger to life.

## Threat to Animals and Birds

It's not just humans; birds like sparrows, crows, and eagles are dying because they get entangled in these threads and cannot fly. Stray dogs and cattle are also sustaining injuries as the thread wraps around their legs. Given these risks, Cyberabad Police warn that **legal action will be taken against anyone selling or using banned manja**. This year alone, 53 cases have been registered against Chinese manja vendors in Cyberabad.

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## Safety Guidelines from Cyberabad Police

- **Ban on Chinese Manja:** Do not buy or sell Chinese, nylon, glass-coated, or metal-coated manja. Use only **cotton threads**.
- **Legal Consequences:** Remember that the sale, storage, and transport of Chinese manja is illegal.
- **Rooftop Safety:** Exercise extra caution while flying kites on terraces. There is a risk of falling from roofs that lack parapet walls.
- **Supervision:** Parents or elders must supervise children to prevent accidents while flying kites.
- **Avoid Busy Areas:** Do not fly kites near roads, highways, or heavy traffic zones.
- **Electrical Hazards:** It is dangerous to fly kites near power lines, transformers, or cell towers. Use open fields or playgrounds instead.
- **For Commuters:** Two-wheeler riders must wear helmets and travel at moderate speeds during the kite season to minimize risk.
- **Reporting & Disposal:**
  - If you see threads hanging on the road, inform GHMC officials immediately.

- Dispose of broken threads safely; do not leave them on trees or roads.
  - **Do not** attempt to remove threads stuck on electric wires yourself.
- **Inform Police:** If you notice anyone selling Chinese manja, report it to the police immediately.

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