

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION**

Press Release

Section 144 of Cr. P.C

Chandigarh, 1st March 2018: In pursuance of the order dated: 14.12.2016 issued by Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi, in the matter of Khalid Ashraf & Anr. Vs. U.O.I. & Ors. (O.A. No. 384 of 2016) AND P.E.T.A., India Vs. U.O.I. & Ors. (O.A. no. 442 of 2016), it has been made to appear to Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, IAS, District Magistrate, Chandigarh that a large number of people flying the kites, use synthetic/nylon-glass coated thread popularly known as Pakka thread/Dori and Chinese Maanjha/Dori. These Maanjhas/Doris, being made of synthetic material are non-biodegradable and thus cause serious injuries to human beings, birds and are equally disadvantageous & harmful to the wildlife/environment. In some cases, it had also caused death of humans and birds.

And therefore, Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Chandigarh, is of the opinion that use of above said synthetic/nylon-glass coated thread popularly known as Pakka thread/Dori and Chinese Maanjha/Dori needs to be regulated in the larger public interest and immediate necessary action is necessary to be taken to prevent serious injury or death to human beings & birds along with harm to wildlife & environment, due to above said Pakka thread/Dori and Chinese Maanjha/Dori.

Now therefore, Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Chandigarh, in exercise of the power vested with him u/s 144 of Cr. P.C., as a measure of emergency and to prevent serious injury or death to human beings & birds and to prevent harm to wildlife & environment, do hereby order that procuring, stocking, sale and use of synthetic/nylon-glass coated thread popularly known as Pakka thread/Dori and Chinese Maanjha/Dori along with other threads coated with glass and/or such other harmful substances for kite flying, within the jurisdiction of U.T. of Chandigarh, for a period of 60 days.

This order shall come into force **from zero hours on 05.03.2018** and shall be effective for a period of sixty days **up to and including 03.05.2018**.