

Chinese Manjha

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In news—Recently, a 26-year-old businessman has died after his neck was allegedly slit by a ‘Chinese manjha’ in Delhi’s Mansarovar Park area.

What is Chinese manjha?

- **Chinese manjha** is a **glass-coated thread used in flying kites**, and is notorious for its tough, plastic-like durability.
- It is made of monofilament fishing lines.
- **Monofilament strings are deadly because they are very hard to break.**
- **They are made by melting and mixing polymers**, and after the strings are formed, they are then coated with glass.
- Stretched tight, monofilament strings have the ability to injure humans and animals alike.
- The name of the string is misleading because it is not imported from China, but is rather produced domestically.
- **The string is made in and around UP’s Bareilly and in parts of Madhya Pradesh**, from where it is mostly sold online.
- The manjha from Bareilly has always been considered among the best in the country.
- The main reason for the popularity of Chinese manjha, however, is the cost. It is a third of the cost of the cotton manjha and several times stronger.
- It was **banned by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) in 2017.**

What does the rule say?

The rule in Delhi says there shall be a “**complete ban on the**

sale, production, storage, supply, import, and use of kite-flying thread made out of nylon, plastic or any other synthetic material, including popularly known as 'Chinese manjha', and any other kite-flying thread that is sharp or made sharp such as being laced with glass, metal or any other sharp material."

Kite-flying is permitted only with a cotton thread, free from any sharp, metallic or glass components or adhesive thread strengthening material.