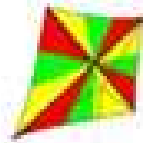


# CELEBRATE MAKAR SANKRANTI WITHOUT KITE

## LET birds ENJOY THE OPEN sky



Every year during Makar Sankranti hundreds of birds die or get seriously injured due to the use of manja (glass coated thread) used for flying kites.

Also after the festival, the threads are usually discarded improperly, which are then carried by the birds for building their nests. In the process, the birds or their chicks get entangled in them and succumb to injuries.

### DOS & DON'TS

- Don't fly kites especially in the area near to bird feeding and nesting area, etc.
- Not to use glass coated thread or Chinese Manja which is very dangerous to both birds as well as humans.
- If you see any bird entangled in a manja please report to nearest animal welfare group as early as possible.
- You can also call Fire Brigade by dialing 101 to rescue birds from a height.



### TIPS TO RESCUE

- Take a piece of cloth, put it over the bird and catch the bird safely.
- Do not pull or yank the thread, as it will only do further damage. Do not cut any of the bird's feathers, as that can lead to further complications.
- Place the bird in the cardboard box or in basket after removing the thread. Make holes on the box for ventilation and close the box or basket so that the bird doesn't make an attempt to get out and injure itself. Place it in a quiet space, free of predators.
- If you cannot handle the bird or cut the thread, then just place it in a box or basket and call the nearest animal rescue group to do it.

### CALL FOR HELP

Call International Organisation for Animal Protection (OIPA), Amma Care Foundation (ACF) and Plant & Animals Welfare Society - Mumbai (PAWS-Mumbai) Helpline 9833480388 and co-ordinate with them to either fetch the wounded bird or deliver it yourself. You can get local volunteer contact number or local nearest animal welfare group. If such facilities are absent in your city or town, then contact vet. and take the bird to them and follow their advice.

#SaveBirdsInMakarSankranti

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