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MAKAR SANKRANTI KITE FLYING SAFETY ADVISORY

Issued in Public Interest by Ahmedabad Medical Association

Ahmedabad Medical Association appeals to all citizens to celebrate Makar Sankranti responsibly and safely. Every year, hospitals across Ahmedabad report serious and sometimes fatal injuries to the neck, face, and major blood vessels due to dangerous kite threads (manja). Two-wheeler riders, children, pedestrians, and birds are commonly affected.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC ADVISORY:

- 1. Avoid Dangerous Manja**
 - Do not use glass-coated, metal, nylon, or synthetic (Chinese) manja.
 - Use only plain cotton kite thread.
 - Sale and use of dangerous manja is illegal and life-threatening.
 - 2. Safety for Two-Wheeler Riders**
 - Ride slowly in kite-flying areas.
 - Wear a full-face helmet or cover your neck with a scarf.
 - Remain alert to loose kite threads on roads.
 - 3. Children's Safety**
 - Children should fly kites only under adult supervision.
 - Avoid unsafe rooftops.
 - Do not allow running or chasing kites on terraces.
 - 4. Rooftop and Terrace Safety**
 - Ensure parapet walls are secure.
 - Avoid overcrowding.
 - Keep first-aid material readily available.
 - 5. In Case of Injury**
 - Do not ignore even minor neck or facial cuts.
 - Apply firm pressure in case of bleeding.
 - Seek immediate medical care immediately.
- Festivals are meant to spread happiness, not tragedy.
Fly kites responsibly. Protect life. Celebrate safely.

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