## The single-use plastic ban comes into effect

Ban on single-use plastic products from July 1. The ban is on certain single-use plastic products as per the ban orders issued by the Government of India and the Government of Kerala. Strict legal action will be taken against those who manufacture, distribute and use banned products. Initially, a fine of Rs 10,000 to Rs 50,000 will be imposed. If found guilty, action will be taken including cancellation of the license of the establishment.

Prohibited products: candy stock, earbuds with a plastic stick, plastic ice cream stick, plastic sticks in balloons, plastic film wrapping sweets, invitations and cigarette packets. Non-woven outer plastic carry bags, plastic garbage bags (other than those for bio-medical waste), single-use plastic tablecloths, plates, tumblers, cups, thermocol/styrofoam decorations, plates, tumblers, single-use plastic trays, forks, plastic-coated paper Cup, Plate, Bowls, Leaf, Bags, Plastic Flags, PVC Flexes, Plastic Coated Cloth, Polyester, Nylon, Korean Cloth Banners, Drinking Water Pouches, PET/PET below 500ml, Drinking Bottles, Brands of Vegetables and Plastic Packets.