

## Single Use Plastics

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### About:

- In a bid to reduce plastic pollution, India from July 1, 2022 banned 19 SUP items.
- Plastic carry bags of thickness **less than 75 microns** are also prohibited under the **Plastic Waste Management Rules**. Their thickness will have to be **increased to 120** microns from December 31, 2022.
- **Plastic wrapping material less than 50 microns** in thickness and plastic sachets used for selling and storing tobacco, pan masala and gutkha are also not allowed.

### Single-use plastics:

- Single-use plastics, often also referred to as disposable plastics, are commonly used for plastic packaging and include items intended to be used only once before they are thrown away or recycled.
- **Application:** These include, among other items, grocery bags, food packaging, bottles, straws, containers, cups and cutlery

- **Benefits:**Single-use plastic bags are widely used because they are strong, cheap and hygienic ways to transport goods.
- **Environmental impact:**They can take up to thousands of years to decompose, contaminating soil and water, and posing significant ingestion, choking and entanglement hazards to wildlife on land and in the ocean.

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