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UP IN SMOKE

Tobacco vendors openly flouting norms: Study

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National Center for Human Settlements and Environment (NCHSE) and Aim for the Awareness of Society (AAS) along with Consumer Voice, New Delhi organised a workshop on 'Tobacco Control' at a city hotel on Wednesday.

The purpose of the workshop was to ensure that strict measurements are taken to save children

from tobacco related hazards.

According to the findings of the organisations based on Indore, Bhopal and Gwalior cities, there are a total of 408 tobacco vendors in six wards/areas of these cities. All vendors were found to violate Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 (COTPA).

The findings also said that 84% tobacco vendors were found selling candies and chips, etc.



INDORE SPECIFIC FINDINGS

- Density of tobacco vendors too high in both commercial and residential areas
- TOBACCO VENDORS VIOLATING COTPA
- Mandatory warning display board was not found in 24% cases
- TOBACCO PRODUCTS ARE DISPLAYED OPENLY IN 67% CASES
- Tobacco ads were found at point of sale