

Media Coverage Andhra Pradesh -Vijaywada

The Indian Express (print & online)

'Mandate tobacco vending licence for traders to curb addiction among youth'

Statistics and data provided by VOICE

Situation in State Decrease in smoking: 3.2%, use of any tobacco product: 9.2%, From 29.2% in Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS) 1 to 20.0% in GATS 2 Cigarette, bidi: 9% and 6.2% of adults smoke them respectively Mean age of initiation of tobacco use decreased from 19.8 years in GATS 1 to 19.4 years in GATS 2 68.9% of cigarette smokers and 82.8% of bidi smokers think of quitting because of warning label	KEY FINDINGS There are no records telling the accurate number of tobacco vendors in commercial and residential areas. Around 361 vendors in 6 wards/areas Tirupati, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam Loose cigarette sale- 98 per cent- defeats the purpose of having pictorial warnings on packages 89 per cent of tobacco vendors found selling candy, chips etc. These products attract children/youth to tobacco shops
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WITH an objective to discourage the usage of tobacco and its allied products by the youth and children, New Delhi-based VOICE (Voluntary Organisation in Interest of Consumer Education) Adviser (Legal and Projects) Amarjeet Singh Panghal, has appealed to the State government to make it mandatory for traders to have a tobacco vending licence.

At the inaugural session of the State-level workshop on 'Dissemination on Tobacco Control in Andhra Pradesh', organised by VOICE in collaboration with Federation of AP Consumers Organisation here on Tuesday, Panghal said due to lack of a regulatory authority in the State, many vendors were selling tobacco and allied products within a 100-metre radius of educational institutions and residential areas, violating the COTPA (Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products) Act, 2003.

He called upon the civic bodies in State to implement the recommendations of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to restrict the rampant sale of tobacco. He also gave a powerpoint presentation on a survey done by VOICE to analyse the situation of tobacco intake in State. President of the federation Ch Diwakar Babu and others spoke at the event.

The Hindu (print & online)

'Not enough being done to implement ban on tobacco'

Sale of loose cigarettes rampant in A.P., shows survey

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The authorities had been not doing enough for effective implementation of the ban on tobacco in Andhra Pradesh, said Amarjeet Singh Panghal, advisor to Consumer VOICE, a Delhi-based consumer protection group on Tuesday.

He was addressing a workshop on 'Tobacco Control in Andhra Pradesh' organised by the Consumers' Guidance Society here.

Expressing concern over the increase in the consumption of tobacco products resulting in deaths across the country, Mr. Panghal said the laws prohibiting the sale and the consumption of tobacco products were barely implemented.

He said a survey conducted in Andhra Pradesh showed that the sale of loose cigarettes was rampant despite a ban. He said small children were addicted to smoking, which made them vulnerable to diseases.

Ch. Divakar Babu, secretary of the Consumers' Guidance Society, said the government should prevent tobacco-related deaths, as they had been destroying families.

Greta Prasadini, Additional Director of the Department of Public Health and Family Welfare, expressed concern over the growing number of such deaths in the country.

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పొగాకు ఉత్పత్తులకు యువత దూరంగా ఉండాలి

కందుకూరు (విజయవాడ), హ్యూమన్‌లైట్: విజయవాడ యువ ఉత్పాదక సంఘం చేసిన పొగాకు ఉత్పత్తులపై యువత దూరంగా ఉండాలి అనే టెలివిజన్ ప్రచారం కందుకూరులో బిన్ మాస్టర్ పాస్టాల్ లో జరిగింది. ఈ సందర్భంగా ఆంధ్ర విద్యార్థి సంఘం అధ్యక్షుడు డా. పి. సి. లక్ష్మణ్ మాట్లాడుతూ యువత పొగాకు ఉత్పత్తులకు దూరంగా ఉండాలి అంటూ పాస్టాల్ లో పాఠ్యం చదివారు.

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మొత్తం సమావేశం బిన్ మాస్టర్ పాస్టాల్ లో జరిగింది.

The Hans India (print & online)



The Indian Express: Mandate tobacco vending licence for traders to curb addiction among youth'

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/vijayawada/2019/jan/30/mandate-tobacco-vending-licence-for-traders-to-curb-addiction-among-youth-1931878.html>

The Hindu:

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<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/not-enough-being-done-to-implement-ban-on-tobacco/article26123491.ece>

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3. Sakshi TV,
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5. ABN TV