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INDORE: With the efforts of the district administration and support of NGOs, [Jhabua](#) was declared a [smoke-free district](#) on Sunday. Jhabua collector Dr [Jayshree](#) Kiyawat declared it smoke-free. It is the fourth district after Dhar to have been declared smoke-free. Earlier, Dhar, Khargone, Alirajpur were declared smoke-free. [Bloomberg](#) Foundation had given funds to the division for making it smoke-free. Mukesh Sinha, executive director, [Madhya Pradesh](#) Voluntary Health Association (MPVHA), said, "We have considered the parameters prescribed by [the WHO](#) and conducted a study in Jhabua district. We have got good result during the survey, which satisfies the criteria to declare it smoke-free." Prohibition of [Smoking](#) in Public Places: Section 4 of COTPA prohibits smoking in public places including workplaces, offices (government and private), public buildings, educational institutions [hotels](#), restaurants and bars, etc. Under the Act, Government of India has notified the smoke-free rules which came into effect from October 2, 2008. Any person found smoking in a public place is liable to pay a fine of up to Rs 200. From October 9 to 17, a survey was conducted by an independent agency Indore School of Social Work, Indore ([ISSW](#)) in 500 public places of 6 blocks of the district. Observational and cross sectional study was conducted to ascertain the compliance of COTPA after which Jhabua was declared smoke-free.

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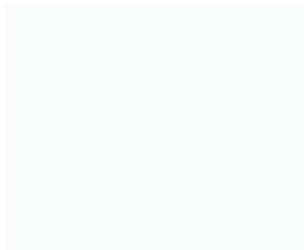
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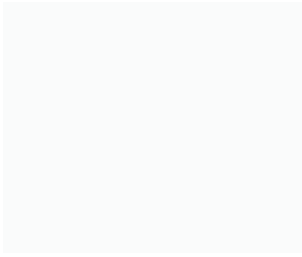
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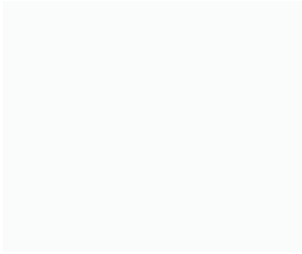
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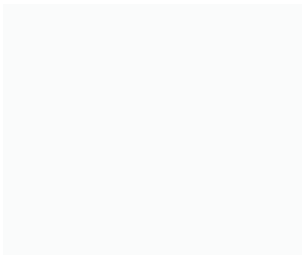
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