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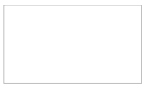
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Karnataka govt gets tough on COTPA

About 1,000 schools in state do not have display board stating that sale of tobacco to minors is not allowed



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Headmasters of schools in the state will face legal action if their schools do not have a display board stating that the sale of tobacco products to minors is not allowed around the institute.

The department of primary and secondary education has issued an official notification in this regard. The notification states: "There are many schools that have not implemented the COTPA Act (Cigarettes and other tobacco products). This is a warning to the headmasters of the schools which have not bothered to implement the same and we are going to take legal action against them. Following this, the schools concerned need to submit a report on implementing the same."

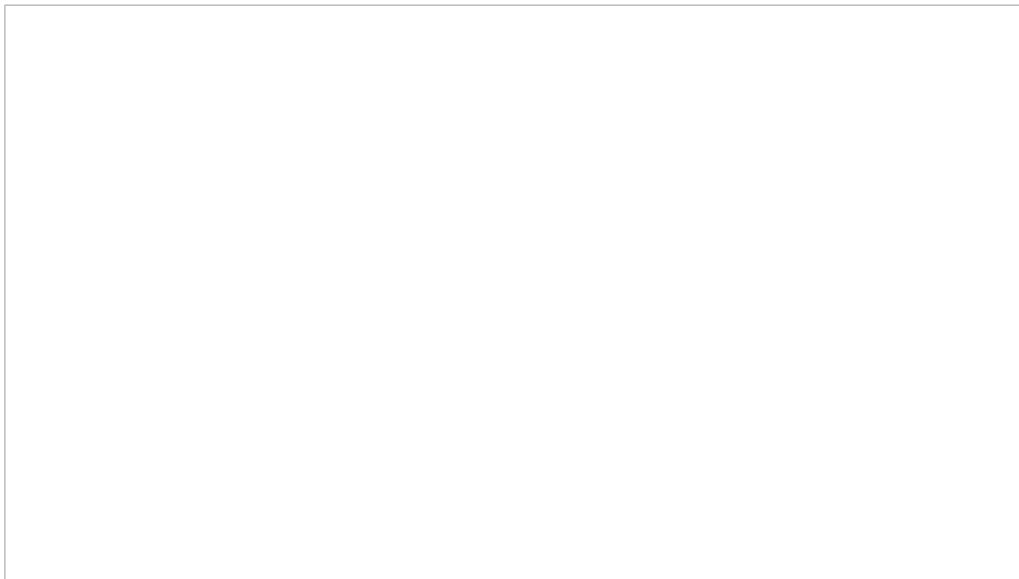
As per the data available with the department, more than 1,000 schools across the state have not implemented the act. "There are about 1,000 schools that have not displayed board on their school premises (about) banning the sale and consumption of tobacco and its products. So, we have issued a notification warning them of taking serious actions," said a senior official of the department.

The deputy directors of public instructions (DDPI) of all the districts have been given the responsibility of visiting the schools and submitting a detailed report to the department about the effective implementation the act.
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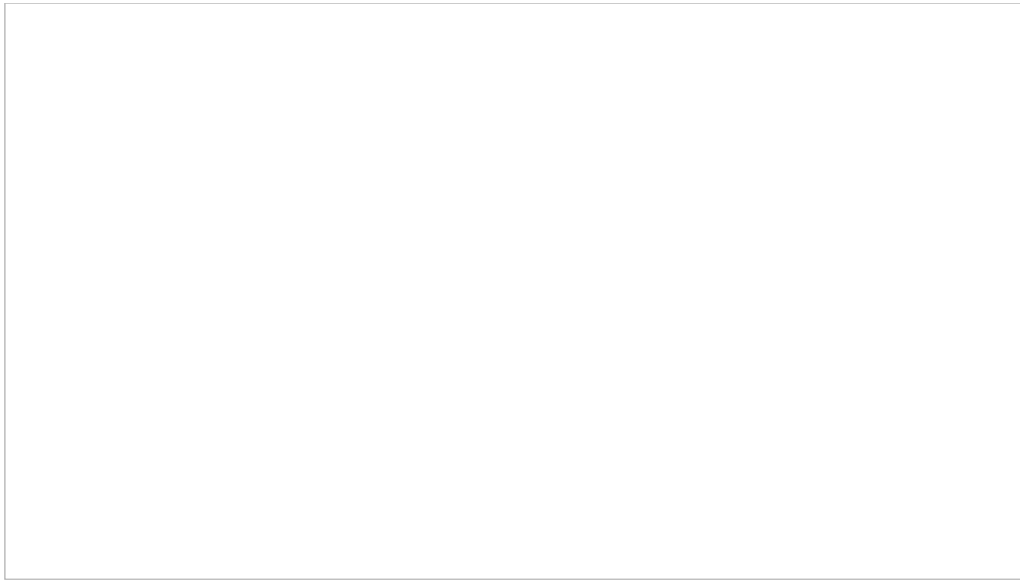
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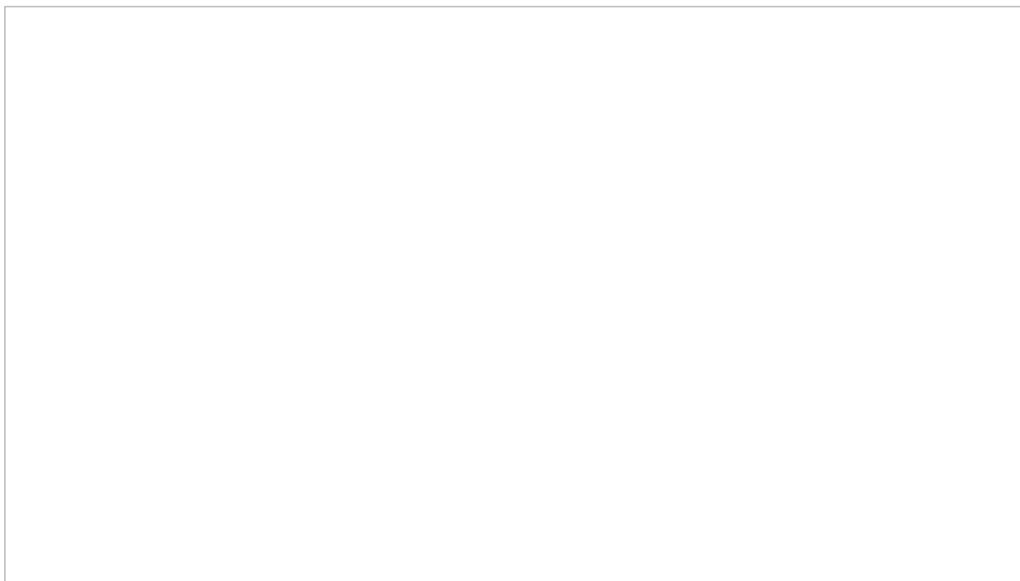
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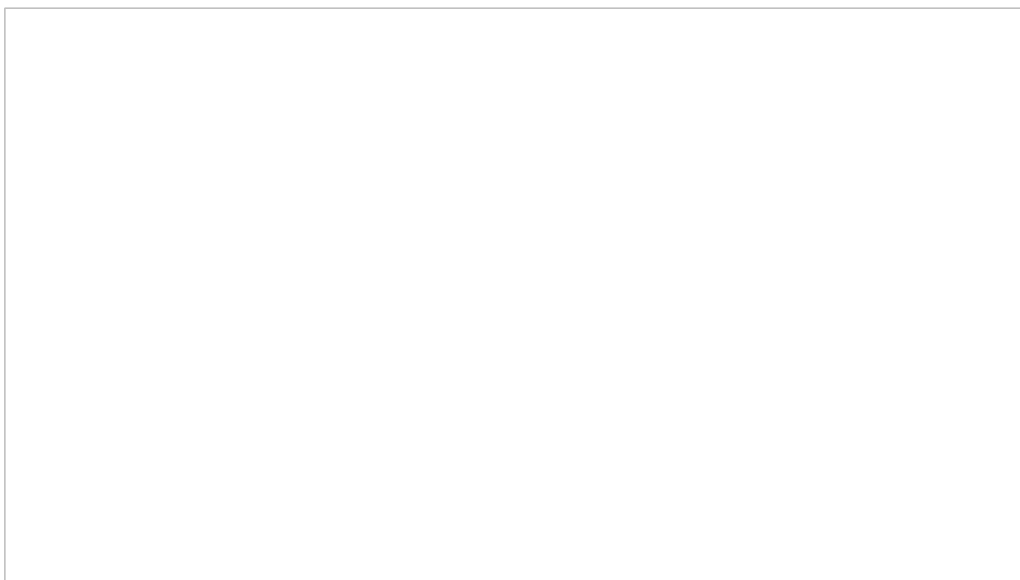
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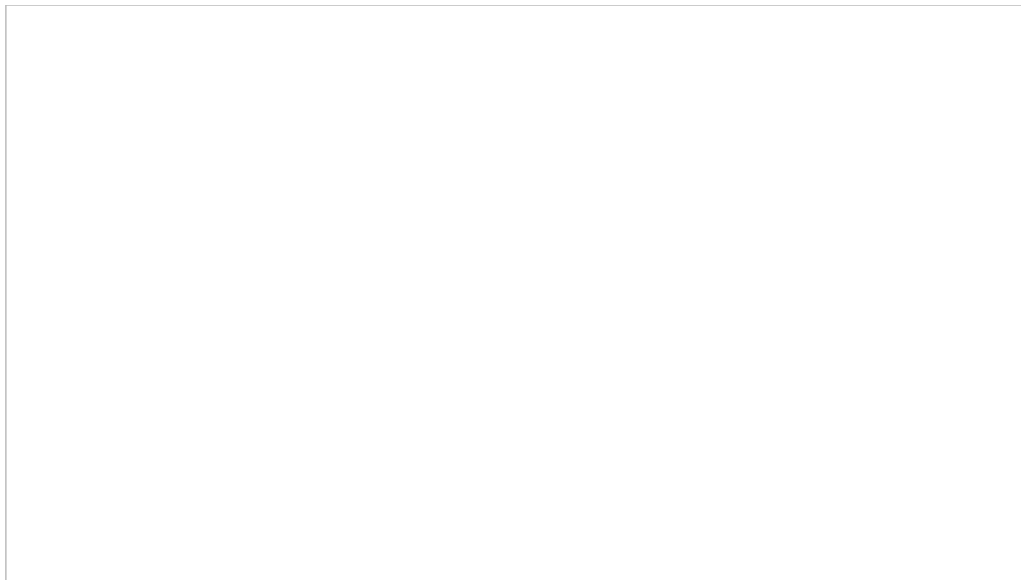
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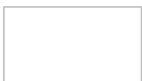
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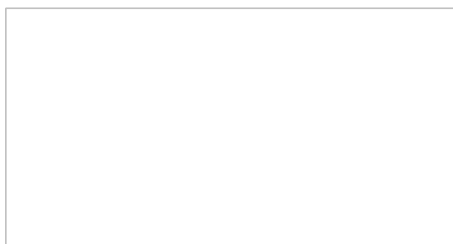
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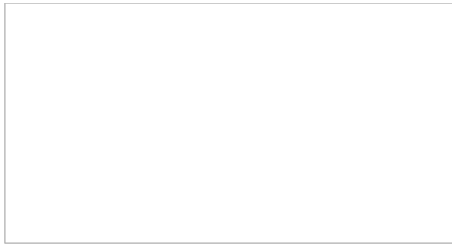
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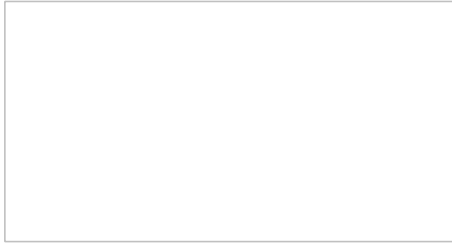
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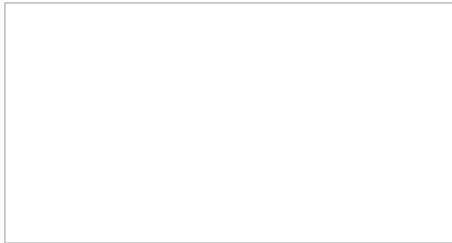
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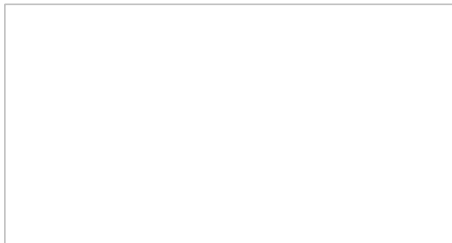
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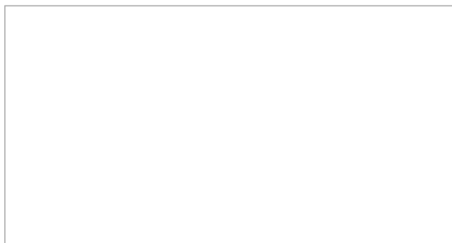
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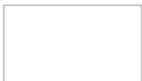
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