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BHOPAL: Food and drug administration (FDA) inspectors seized 20-bags of gutka, worth Rs 5 lakh from the [Bhopal](#) railway station, here on Tuesday. The banned gutka was seized from a passenger coming from Jabalpur. Acting on a tip off the raid was conducted by a joint team of railway police and FDA inspectors on Monday afternoon. "We were informed that a passenger on Jabalpur-New Delhi Shridham express was bringing the package for delivery at Bhopal," said an FDA official. The success on Monday is one of the biggest seizures of gutka by FDA inspectors in the state, so far. Sources said that lack of staff and infrastructure has the FDA stretched, as it finds it difficult to implement the ban on tobacco mixed gutka and pan masala across the state. "Raids in states like Maharastra led to seizure in crores. We do not have the manpower or resources to be as effective," said an FDA official, seeking anonymity. Earlier in April, the state government decided to ban sale, consumption and manufacture of gutka and pan masala in the state. Some two hundred samples of tobacco mixed gutka have been tested at the FDA laboratory in Bhopal since March.

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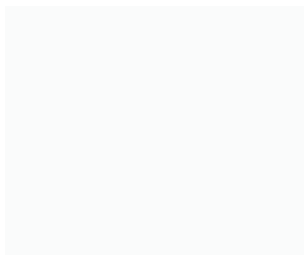
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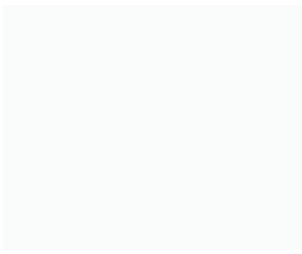
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