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Vidhan Sabha Speaker Ishwar Das Rohani, minister of state for medical education Mahendra Hardia, water resources minister and environment Jayant Mallayya and agriculture minister Ramkrishna Kusmaria were among those present. The New England Journal of Medicine study shows smoking accounts for 9 lakh deaths in a decade in India. âDeath is caused due to tuberculosis by smoking in rural areas and smoking leads to heart attacks in the urban areas,â said Tata Memorial Hospital associate professor Dr Pankaj Chaturvedi.

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SMOKING bidisa (rolled tobacco) is likely to reduce life span by 6 years in males and 6 years in females. Cigarette smoking in males could take away 10 years from their life, the researchers estimate. The difference is probably due to lower tobacco content in bidis, they explain. The study found that among men, about 61% of those who smoke may die between 30-69 years of age compared with only 41% of non-smokers. Among women, 62% of those who smoke may die between 30-69 years of age compared to only 38% of non-smokers.

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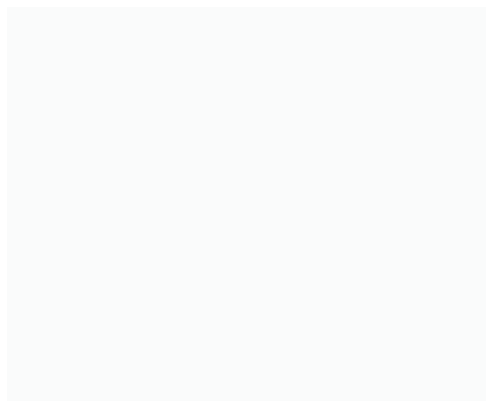
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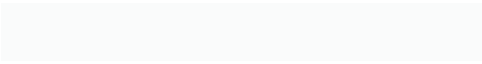
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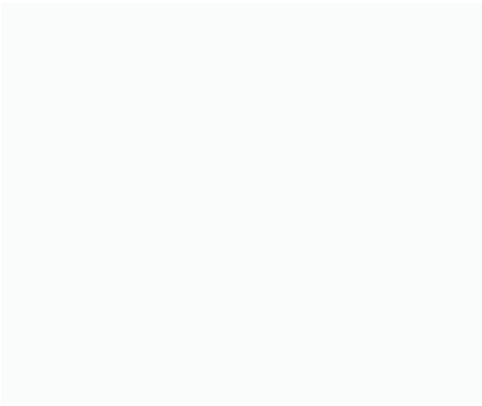
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