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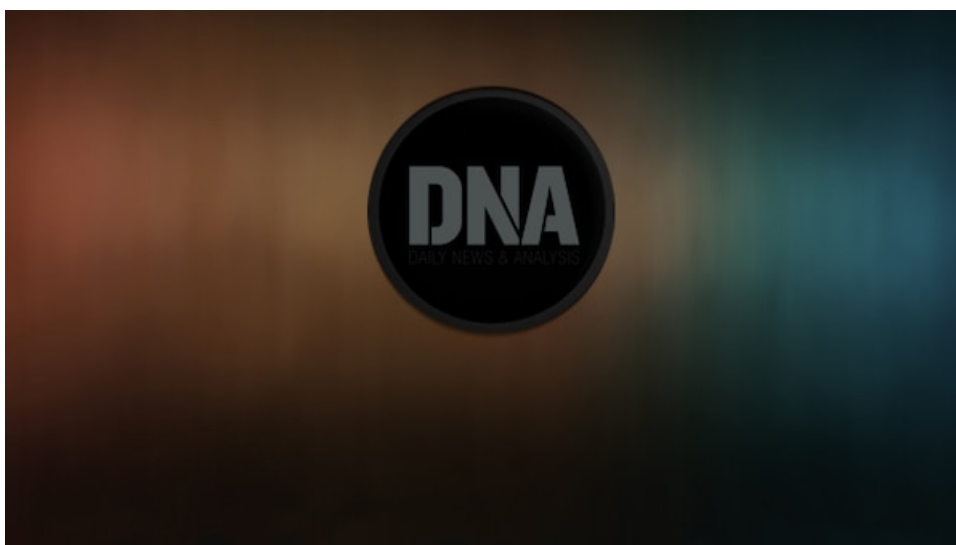
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Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the state has set an example by implementing the Prohibition Policy and banning gutkha.

"I have to save the youths of Gujarat from the dreaded evil of Cancer and that's why a decision to impose a complete ban on gutkha was taken," he said in a message on the occasion of 143rd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Referring to a sumptuary law in force that proscribes the sale, purchase and consumption of alcoholic drinks in Gujarat since 1960, Modi said, "Gujarat has set a shining example by following the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi by totally implementing the prohibition policy for which state is famous all over the country".

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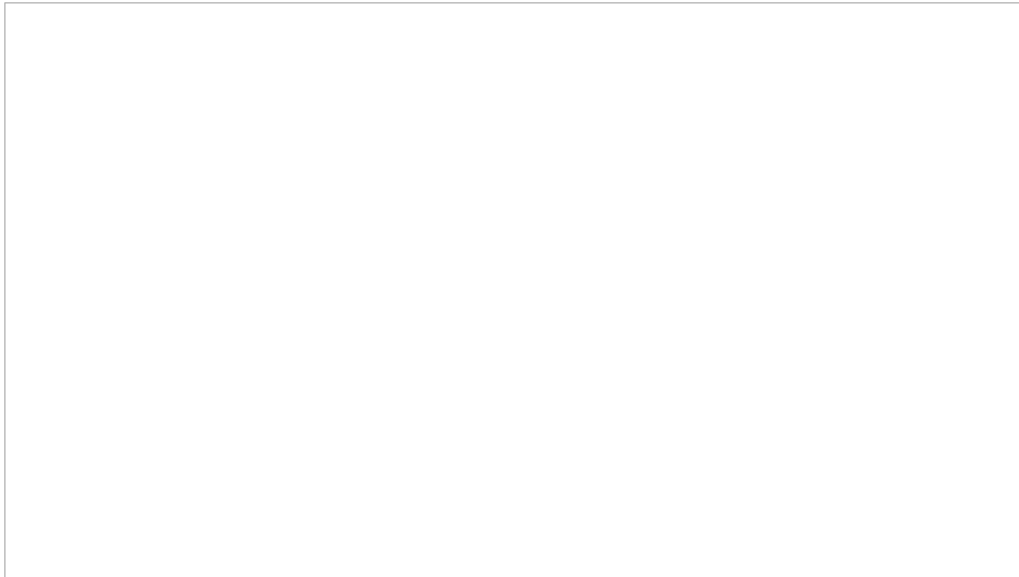
"Banning gutkha is a well-thought decision aimed at creating healthier Gujarat and preventing the youth from falling into such inappropriate practices," Modi said.

Modi has been embarked on the 'Swami Vivekananda Yatra' from September 17 for spreading awareness about his ideals.

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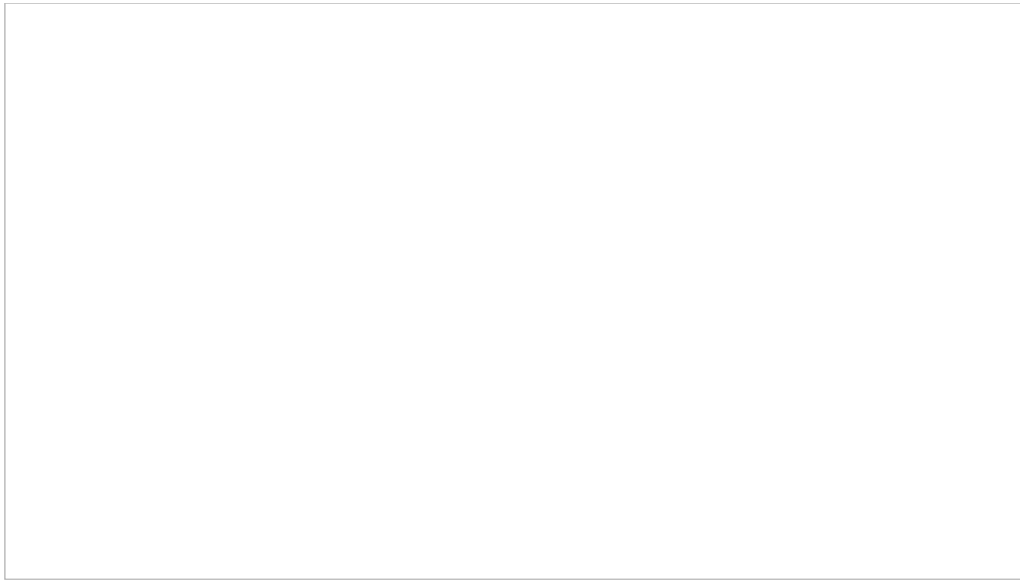
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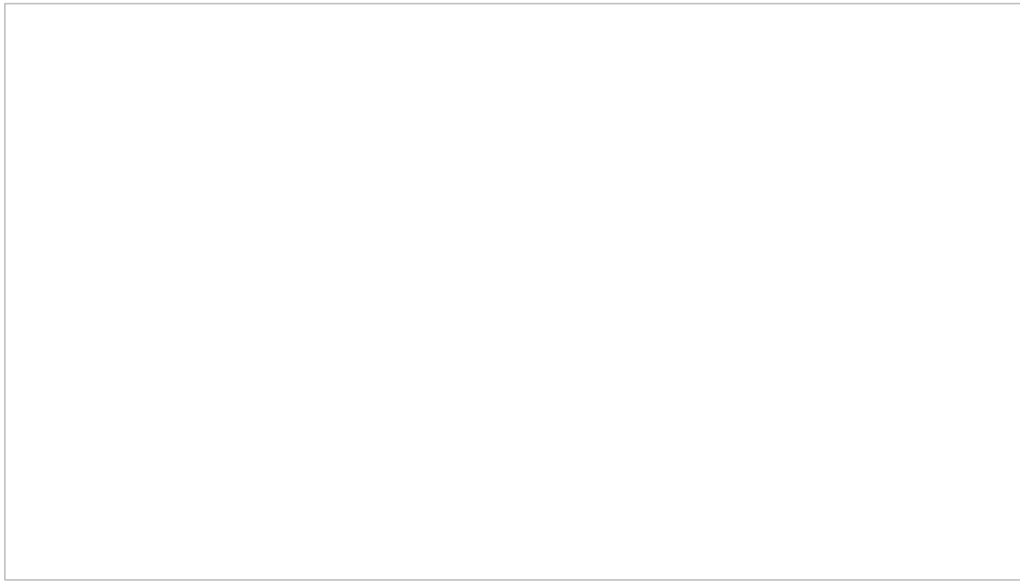
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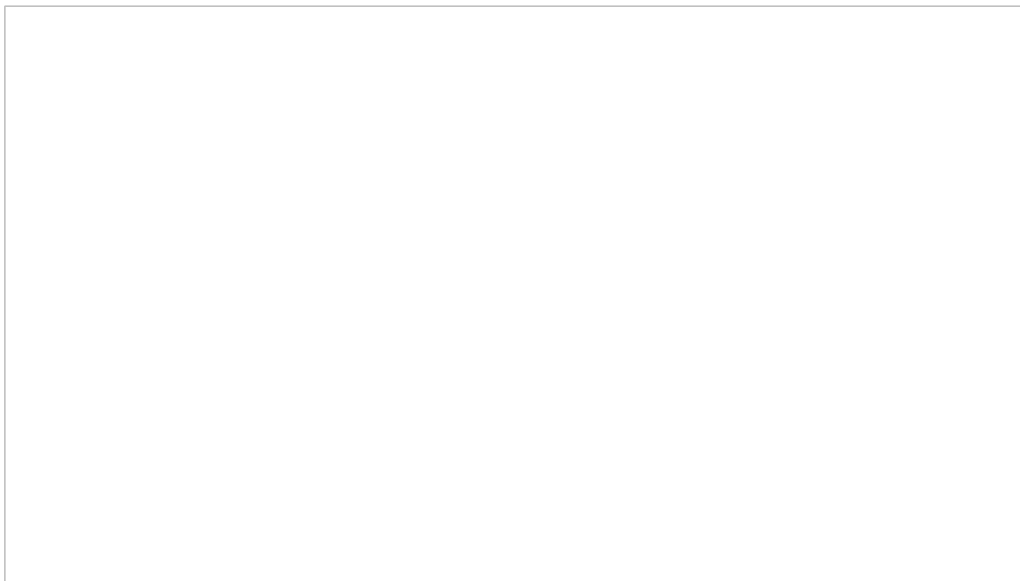
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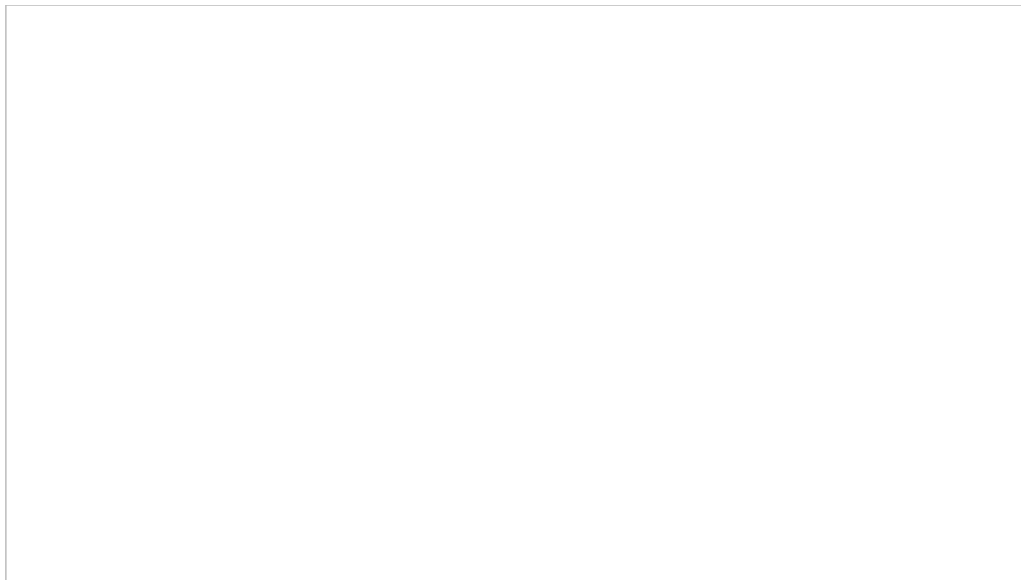
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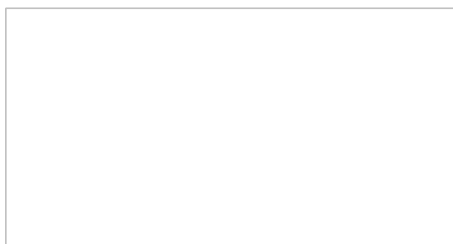
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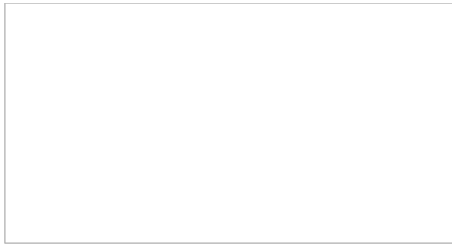
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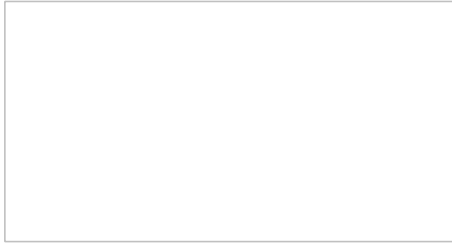
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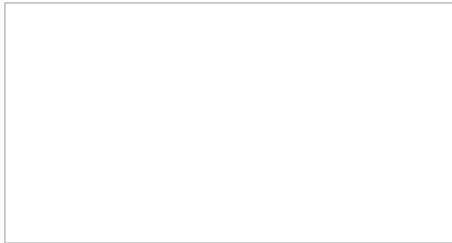
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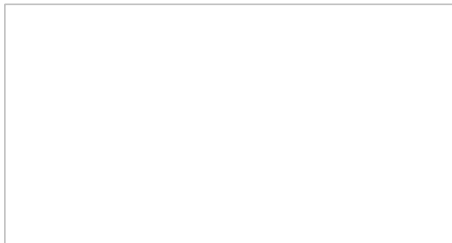
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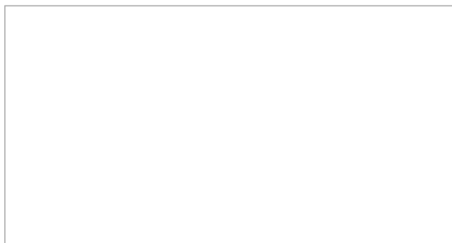
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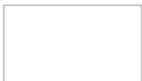
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