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Bengaluru: The state cabinet on Wednesday deferred ban on tobacco and decided to amend the Indian Succession Act, 1925 in accordance with the recommendations of the [Law Commission](#) of India. The existing Act does not allow automatic transfer of ownership or succession to anyone named in the will if the owner of an immovable property dies when a case is pending in court. According to the proposed amendment, the ownership will be transferred to the person named in the will, and the case in court will continue. Another section provides for state government to exempt any race, sect or tribe from the Act.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, law and parliamentary affairs minister TB Jayachandra said the amendments will be made as per the recommendations of the law commission. About the decision not to ban tobacco for now, he said, "Karnataka alone cannot ban tobacco in any form. The matter is in the [Supreme Court](#) and we are awaiting its verdict." There has been a campaign to ban tobacco in the state.

According to him, even if Karnataka banned tobacco, the product would come from neighbouring states. "No state has the power to ban trade and transit of states. Tobacco in all forms - chewing, gutka, beedi and cigarette - should be banned across the country," he said.

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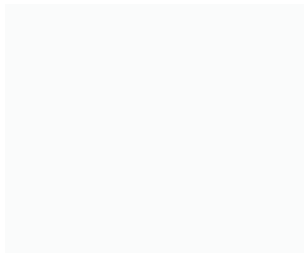
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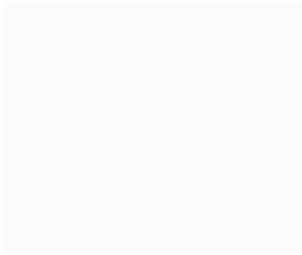
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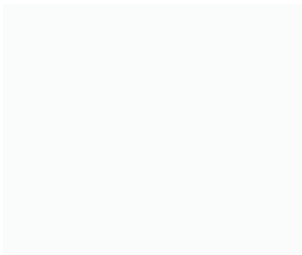
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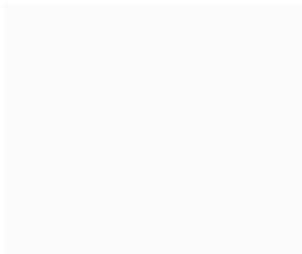
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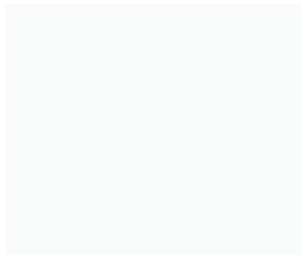
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