



ADVERTISEMENT

- HOME
- TODAY'S PAPER
- NATIONAL
- KERALA**

## Steps to make Malappuram district tobacco-free

December 31, 2013 12:00 am | Updated 05:49 am IST - MALAPPURAM:

### Meet of senior officers firms up plan

STAFF REPORTER

 COMMENTS

 SHARE

A meeting of the senior officers of the district held here on Monday decided to strictly implement the laws restricting the use and sale of tobacco products in the region.

The Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act (COTPA 2003) will be enforced as part of making Malappuram tobacco-free.

Additional District Magistrate P. Muraleedharan, who chaired over the meeting, sought the cooperation of the departments of police, education, excise, and food safety to implement the laws.

The sale of tobacco products will not be permitted within 91.4 metres (100 yards) of educational institutions in the State.

"None but we are to be blamed if the sale of tobacco products continues within 100 yards of our educational institutions," said Deputy Director of Prosecution V.C. Ismail.

Explaining COTPA 2003, Mr. Ismail said all gazetted officers were empowered to take action against smoking in offices. Offering full support of the judiciary for implementing anti-tobacco laws in the district, Mr. Ismail said enforcing officials should be given awareness against the misuse of the laws.

Welcoming the gathering, District Medical Officer V. Ummer Farook said the COTPA campaign would target the younger generation.

"We have elaborate plans to conduct awareness programmes centering educational institutions," Dr. Farook said, adding the work of the school protection committees would be strengthened.

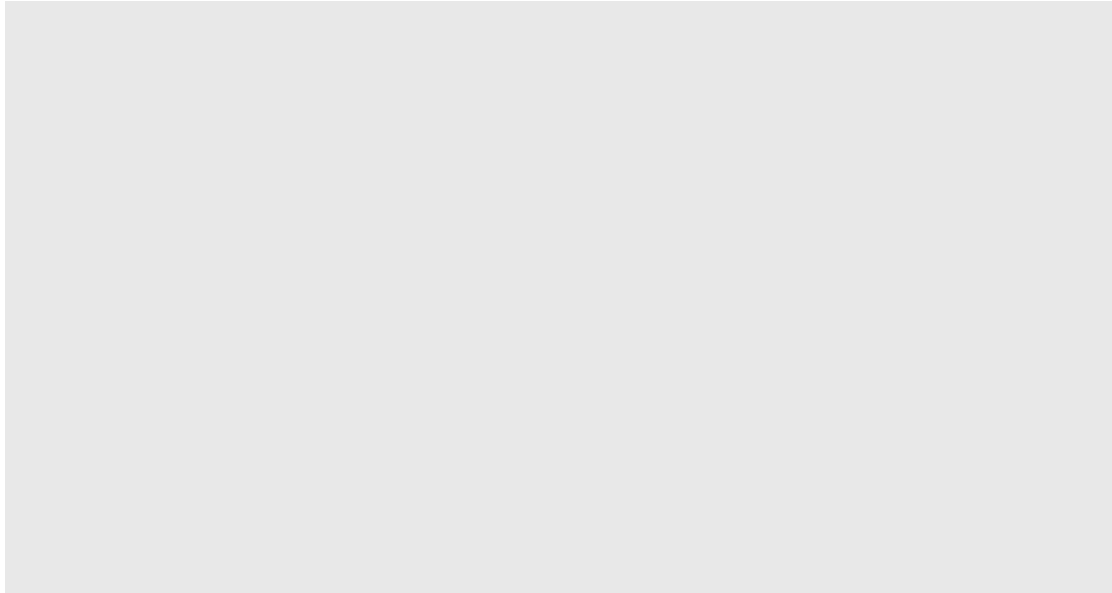
Making a presentation on the dangers of tobacco, Deputy District Medical Officer R. Renuka warned that by 2020, tobacco

would become the biggest killer in the world. P.K. Raju, technical assistant of the Health Department, Thiruvananthapuram, said most educational institutions in the State had failed to display the mandatory anti-tobacco messages.


Disproving the claim of the Director of Public Instructions (DPI) that all schools had the mandatory protection committees, Mr. Raju said very few schools had constituted such panels. Deputy District Medical Officers Mohammed Ismail and Nuna Marja, technical assistant M. Velayudhan, and deputy mass media officer K.P. Sadik Ali spoke.

### ***COTPA campaign to target younger generation***

### ***Awareness programmes planned***



 COMMENTS

 SHARE

ADVERTISEMENT

[Return to frontpage](#)

[Google Play](#)

[Apple Store](#)

**The Hindu**

[About Us](#)

[News Archive](#)

[Print Subscription](#)

[Subscribe to Newsletters](#)

[Readers Editor-Terms of Reference](#)

[Code of Editorial Values](#)

[Sitemap](#)

[Digital Subscription](#)

[Rss Feeds](#)

**Contact us**

[Contact Us](#)

[Advertise With Us](#)

[Social Media](#)

**Group News Sites**

[Business Line](#)

[Sportstar](#)

[இந்தா தமிழ் திசை](#)

[Young World Club](#)

[Business Line ePaper](#)

[BL on Campus](#)

[Frontline](#)

[The Hindu Centre](#)

[The Hindu ePaper](#)

[Crossword + Free Games](#)

**Other Products**

[RoofandFloor](#)

[Images](#)

[Classifieds - Print](#)

[STEP](#)

[Classifieds - Digital](#)

[Bookstore & Special Publications](#)

**Popular Sections**

[Latest News](#)

[International News](#)

[Life & Style](#)

[Podcast](#)

[National News](#)

[Videos](#)

[Food](#)

## Opinion

Editorial	Columns
Comment	Cartoon
Letters	Interview
Lead	

---

## Business

Agri-Business	Industry
Economy	Markets
Budget	

---

## Sport

Cricket	Football
Hockey	Tennis
Athletics	Motorsport
Races	Other Sports

---

## Sci-Tech

Science	Technology
Health	Agriculture
Environment	Gadgets
Internet	

---

## States

Andhra Pradesh	Karnataka
Kerala	Tamil Nadu
Telangana	Other States

---

## Cities

Bengaluru	Chennai
Coimbatore	Delhi
Hyderabad	Kochi
Kolkata	Kozhikode
Madurai	Mangaluru
Mumbai	Puducherry
Thiruvananthapuram	Tiruchirapalli
Vijayawada	Visakhapatnam

---

Trending on thehindu.com

Bajrang Dal | The aggressive arm of Hindutva

---

BJP MP Ram Shankar Katheria gets two-year term in assault case, faces disqualification

---

Manipur government statement in court on recovery of stolen weapons does not add up

---

Centre likely to hike dearness allowance by 3%

---

'Chief Secretary violated norms, bypassed CM, sent files directly to L-G'

### Trending on our Group sites

Five day work week for banks gets IBA nod

---

Cabinet approves ₹1.39 lakh crore for BharatNet project

---

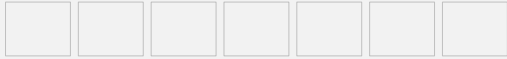
No, Nehru did not mishandle Kashmir

---

1948: Assassination of Mahatma Gandhi

---

FIFA Women's World Cup: Two-time champion Germany knocked out after 1-1 draw with South Korea



[TERMS OF USE](#) / [PRIVACY POLICY](#)

Copyright© 2023, THG PUBLISHING PVT LTD. or its affiliated companies. All rights reserved.

[BACK TO TOP](#)