Rising use of smokeless tobacco worries docs

Panaji: A workshop on tobacco control issues held in collaboration with the directorate of municipal administration at Dona Paula on Friday called for strict enforcement of vendor licensing for tobacco products. A rise in consumption of smokeless consumption also evoked concern.

"Our recent study revealed that the density of tobacco vendors is very high, as we found 198 points of sale in two areas of Goa alone. We also observed several violations of the COTPA," Amarjeet Singh, legal advisor of Delhi-based NGO, Consumer Voice, said. The workshop was held to discuss the implementation of Goa’s policy concerning the licensing of vendors of tobacco products. Director of health services Dr. Jose D’Sa said although average tobacco consumption was low in Goa, illicit and cheap, flavoured tobacco products were a serious concern. He also said smokeless tobacco consumption was growing rapidly in the state.

While speaking on the role of the state’s municipal bodies in tobacco control, CCP commissioner Sanjit Rodrigues extended full support to curbing its use.

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