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The Department of Public Health Dentistry, Goa Dental College and Hospital has been actively involved with various oral health related outreach programmes throughout the State of Goa.

As a part of these efforts, Department of health runs a fully equipped Mobile Dental Van wherein dental treatment is carried out at various locations including remote villages and schools.

During the dental camps it is observed that there is a steady increase in the use of tobacco. It is also noted that many children and adolescents do not understand the nature of tobacco addiction and are unaware of, or underestimate, the health consequences of tobacco use.

The compliance of the educational institutions to COTPA act 2003 and relevant rules, remain low. Hence it becomes necessary to focus on tobacco in schools and among youth.

To take corrective measures and bring about reversal/abstinence of tobacco compliance is to be sought in adherence to the COTPA (Cigarettes and other Tobacco products Act) 2003.

It is therefore enjoined upon all the Heads of Govt./Govt., aided/unaided primary/secondary/higher secondary schools & special schools to submit compliance report in adherence to the COTPA (Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products Act) 2003, as per the online questionnaire on:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdpPS9bSrdn65fLN6iuLG3P6eouyeHD-YdAK1TMSk8maC-Orw/viewform?usp=sf_link

(Vandana Rao, IAS) 17/02/2020
Director of Education

To,
The Heads of Govt./Govt. Aided/Unaided Primary/Secondary/Higher Secondary & Special Schools in the State of Goa.
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1. The Dy. Director (Admn), Goa Dental College and Hospital, Bambolim-Goa.
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3. The ADEIs of all Talukas.
4. The Nodal Officer, IT for uploading on website of this Directorate.