

Workshop aims at creating awareness, stubbing bidi butt

VIVEK GUPTA
CHANDIGARH, MAY 25

THE smoker continues to smoke in public places despite the ban imposed by the apex court with effect from May 1. As per the rules, anyone caught smoking in public places would be slapped a fine of Rs 200. And these rules are no longer confined to books. The Chandigarh Police and various enforced agencies have, this time, planned to take strict action against smokers.

Raising this issue was a workshop conducted by The Burning Brain Society for the Chandigarh police at their headquarters in Sector 9 here today. All DSPs, SDPOs, SHO's and officers up to the Sub-Inspector rank

were made cognisant about the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act 2003. The workshop was chaired by IG Ramesh Kumar along with SSP Gaurav Yadav and ASP Sanjay Kumar Jain. The aim was to inculcate basic fundamental rules and provisions about smoking to the police officers.

Hemant Goswami, chairperson of the Burning Brain Society, while giving a presentation, said smoking is a social menace in which over 50 per cent of the country's male population and 70 per cent of the rural is trapped. He said anybody found smoking in public place can invite a fine Rs 200 under Section 4 of the above mentioned act while anybody advertising tobacco products

can be imprisoned from two to five years under Section 22 of the act. Also, anyone found selling tobacco to a minor can face a fine of Rs 200.

"However, it would take some time before the law is implemented as we have still not got any notification from the administration about compounding challans," said Sanjay Kumar Jain. He emphasised that the police authority could not handle this responsibility alone. But co-operation from the administration and Home Department along with the people could make a difference, he added.

On conclusion, it was stated that along with spreading awareness, the police should educate people and implement the law.

Workshop educates cops on smoking ban

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ADVERTISING smoking cigarettes or other tobacco products to minors shall be liable for a fine of Rs 200, says the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003.

This was discussed during a workshop held at Police Headquarters, Sector 9, the Burning Brain Society to educate the police personnel about the various provisions, powers, rules and regulations of the Act.

Police personnel, including senior officers, attended the workshop. Society chairperson the most Goswami, who gave a



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presentation, said smoking was a social menace. He said the ban on smoking in public places was as high as 70 per cent in the rural areas.

Goswami revealed that the most age of beginning smoking was around 11 years and by 18 the individual developed a neural dependence.

While he said, the initiative of the government to ban the sale of tobacco products to minors under 18 years was laudable, it was of utmost importance that the enforcement agencies kept a strict vigil on this violation in this regard.

Giving details of the Act, Goswami said, "Anybody found smoking in a public place shall be fined Rs 200 under Section 4 of the Act, while those advertising sale of tobacco products

could be imprisoned from two to five years under Section 22.

During the workshop, certain areas under the Act were pointed out. The chairman, under Section 10 of the Act, Central Government at IT Administration has to notify the officer who will compound the offence and charge the fine on his behalf. The officer has to notify the officer who will compound the offence and charge the fine on his behalf. The officer has to notify the officer who will compound the offence and charge the fine on his behalf.

50 years: Children celebrate with paints

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Students participating in an environment painting competition at St. Theresa's and St. Ann's, Sector 25.

Students of St. Theresa's and St. Ann's schools, Sector 25, celebrated their 50th anniversary with a painting competition.

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अमर न्यूज, चंडीगढ़, 25 मई

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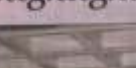
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Workshop highlights ill-effects of tobacco

HT Live Correspondent
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Students participating in a workshop at St. Theresa's Public School, Chandigarh, on Sunday.

A large number of students attended the workshop held on Tobacco, Cigarettes and consequences at St. Theresa's Public School, Sector 45 yesterday.

The workshop was organized by the NIGA Burning Brain Society.

Dr. Rajesh Kaurav from NIGA, in a report on the occasion, was the main speaker on the occasion. He said that 60 per cent of the people start smoking before 18. He said that the world's population is increasing but here in India the trend was on the rise as there was lack of awareness.

He revealed that in the next 20 years there shall be 40 lakh deaths purely due to smoking in developed countries and 70 lakh in developing countries. He said that a cigarette contains over 4,000 toxic compounds and even non-smokers are directly affected by this.

The wife of a smoker is 30 to 27 per cent more prone to heart attack due to passive smoking. Diseases that can occur due to smoking include lung cancer, heart attack, paralysis, mouth cancer, chronic cough, recurrent pneumonia and cancer.

Hemant Goswami, a social activist and chairperson of Burning Brain Society, said that youth should be encouraged to quit smoking.

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Foreign students with their prizes at Panjab University, on Wednesday. Ph

Brainstorming on better democracy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 24

BURNING Brain Society with the Department of Laws, Panjab University, organised a talk show on the possibilities of improvement in Indian democracy.

The panel of political leaders and legal luminaries who brainstormed about the scope of improvement in the democratic structure included the chairman of the Panjab University department of

Laws, Prof Bal Kishan, professor of Law department Dr V K Bansal, MP Pawan Kumar Bansal and former MP Satya Pal Jain.

The two main topics that were discussed were the role of political parties in the Indian democracy and ways to make our democracy more representative.

Hemant Goswami, chairman Burning Brain Society, who moderated the discussion, started by mentioning that the Indian constitution is silent on the role and scope of the politi-

cal parties to the extent that even the word "Political Party" is not mentioned in the constitution. Goswami mooted a solution by suggesting that all the candidates should contest the election on their own merits without the umbrella of the political parties and once the winning candidates are elected to the parliament, they should choose the prime minister in the Parliament. This way, no parliament shall be dissolved for want of majority support of the elected rep-

resentatives. Also, by adopting such a system only those candidates who have done some work in their area shall get elected.

The idea was partially supported by Bal Kishan and Dr Bansal. Both were of the opinion that though there is no mention of political parties in the constitution, but there are orders promulgated by the Election Commission using its powers granted under the constitution and the Representation of People Act.

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Workshop held

THE PLACEMENT cell of SGGS College in association with a city-based NGO, Burning Brains Society, held a one-day workshop on career counselling and personality development. The workshop was inaugurated by college principal P.S. Sangha.

HTC, Chandigarh

तंबाकू के खिलाफ पोस्टर मेकिंग प्रतियोगिता

चंडीगढ़, 14 अगस्त (भास्कर न्यूज)। तंबाकू के खिलाफ अपनी मुहिम को तेज करते हुए बर्निंग ब्रेन सोसाइटी ने आज एक पोस्टर प्रतियोगिता की घोषणा की। प्रतियोगिता के लिए देशभर से प्रविष्टियां आमंत्रित की जा रही हैं। प्रतियोगिता की थीम रखी गई है इल इफेक्ट्स कॉन्सीक्वेंसेज ऑफ टोबैको। प्रतियोगिता में भाग लेने वालों के लिए दो श्रेणियां बनाई गई हैं। पहली श्रेणी में 25 की आयु वाले होंगे और दूसरी श्रेणी में किसी भी उम्र के लोग भाग ले सकते हैं।

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Complaint against 'bravery awards' name filed

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JULY 28

"The Burning Brain Society" has filed a complaint with the I.G. office against the announcement by a leading cigarette company about reinstatement of bravery awards in the name of one of their brands of cigarette.

Mr Hemant Ramtirth Goswami, Chairperson of the society, today said presentation and institution of such awards and prizes was illegal after the implementation of

"The Cigarette and Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003."

Mr Goswami quoted Section 5 of the act which reads: "No person, shall, under a contract or otherwise promote or agree to promote the use or consumption of cigarettes or any other tobacco product; or any trade mark or brand name of cigarettes or any other tobacco product in

exchange for a sponsorship, gift, prize or scholarship given or agreed to be given by another person."

"In the complaint to the police, we have specifically asked for action, under the law, against the company, its officials involved in the attempt to promote their brand under the guise of "Bravery Award" and also the panel of judges who, according to the statement in a leading newspaper by the company official, have agreed to participate in the event",

said Mr Satish Kumar Bhatti, Legal Secretary of the "Action Group Against Tobacco" wing of the Burning Brain Society".

Ms Jyoti Joshi, a volunteer of the society said if the claim of the company official that eminent personalities, including police officers, retired judges of the Supreme Court and the High Court, renowned social workers and media personalities, had agreed to be a part of the event as judges was true, it was shameful.

Caste system historic injustice: Meira Kumar



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equality. He added that with the fourth population of the country not enjoying the benefits of social democracy, India might not achieve



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Poster-making contest

OUR CORRESPONDENT

CHANDIGARH, August 14

The Burning Brain Society, Sector 17, will conduct a poster making competition.

The theme of the competition is 'The Effects and Consequences of Tobacco'. All the participants will soon be given their scores along with section-wise break-up and overall percentile ranking.

All-India poster competition

■ CHANDIGARH: The Burning Brain Society is conducting a poster making competition on the theme 'The Effects and Consequences of Tobacco' and has invited entries from all over the country. The best posters shall be printed in the form of cards, posters and will be circulated country-wide. Last date for submission of entries is September 28, 2004. (E-mail Jyoti Joshi at poster@burningbrain.org)

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Jain, Bansal against criminalisation of politics

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chandigarh: Two political leaders eyeing the single Lok Sabha seat from the city got a common platform to put their thoughts together. This time the issue was how to go about improving the democratic structure. Both BJP's Satya Pal Jain and Congress candidate Pawan Bansal spoke against the growing regionalism and criminalisation of politics and the need to make political parties more accountable for their actions.

Taking part in the discussion organised by the Burning Brain Society along with professors from the department of laws, Panjab University, on Wednesday, the participants discussed the scope for improvement in the democratic structure, including more people into the democratic process.

While a section of audience stressed that parties should be done away with as "the Constitution is silent on the role and scope of the par-

ties and it is also silent about the term." But the political leaders saw little to agree with it.

Ruling out the need for doing away with the parties in the Indian democracy, both Jain and Bansal, however, agreed that the situation could be improved by enhancing the transparency among the parties.

While Jain said that exercise of voting by the residents is crucial for democracy, Bansal said that the need of the hour is that people should vote on individual performance rather than just voting for the parties.

The audience and participants agreed that there was a need to increase the participation of people in voting, as they voting percentages are sometimes very low. Commenting on this, chairman of the law department Dr Bal Krishan said there had been incidents where the candidates securing merely 13 per cent votes have also won the Lok Sabha seat.

Huda draw: Applicants flock office

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chandigarh: 2,000 applicants

those unsuccessful are dispatched within the period of

'रेड एंड व्हाइट' बहादुरी पुरस्कार पर उठा विवाद

चंडीगढ़, 28 जुलाई (ट्रिब्यून)। सिगरेट निर्माता कंपनी रेड एंड व्हाइट द्वारा दिये जाने वाले बहुचर्चित बहादुरी पुरस्कारों को लेकर एक नया विवाद खड़ा हो गया है। बर्निंग ब्रेन सोसायटी ने चंडीगढ़ के पुलिस प्रमुख को भेजी शिकायत में कहा है कि यह एक प्रकार से सिगरेट का प्रचार है जो कि कानून के विरुद्ध है। सोसायटी के चेयरमैन हेमंत रामतीर्थ गोस्वामी ने कहा कि सिगरेट के प्रचार पर प्रतिबंध लगाने वाले कानून की धारा के तहत कोई भी व्यक्ति न तो सिगरेट का प्रचार कर सकता न ही प्रचार करने के लिए कोई कदम कर सकता है। यहां तक कि स्पॉन्सरशिप गिफ्ट व पुरस्कार के लिए भी तम्बाकू उत्पादनों के लोगो को प्रयोग नहीं किया जा सकता।

पुलिस प्रमुख को भेजी शिकायत में सोसायटी का कहना है कि कंपनी बहादुरी पुरस्कारों की आड़ में अपने उत्पादनों का प्रचार कर रही है व इनके विरुद्ध कानूनी कार्रवाई की जानी चाहिए।

ब्रेवरी अवॉर्ड के खिलाफ बर्निंग ब्रेन आईजी के पास शिकायत दर्ज कराई

भास्कर न्यूज
चंडीगढ़, 28 जुलाई।

इधर तैयारी है ब्रेवरी अवॉर्ड्स की तो उधर बर्निंग ब्रेन सोसायटी उतर आई है विरोध पर। सोसायटी के हेमंत गोस्वामी ने आज आईजी पुलिस के पास एक शिकायत दर्ज करा दी है।

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शिकायत में कहा गया है कि कंपनी ने अपने ब्रांड की सिगरेट के नाम पर ब्रेवरी अवॉर्ड्स की घोषणा की है जो कि गलत है।

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एंड डिस्ट्रीब्यूशन एक्ट 2003 के सेक्शन-5 को अपनी शिकायत का आधार बनाया है। इसके तहत किसी भी व्यक्ति के सिगरेट को प्रमोट करने पर पाबंदी लगाई गई है।

सोसायटी की शिकायत में पुलिस से कंपनी के खिलाफ एक्शन लेने की अपील भी की



गई है। अपनी शिकायत के साथ सोसायटी ने एक शहर में तंबाकू उत्पादों के बारे में कानून तोड़ने वालों के बारे में एक वीडियो टेप भी पुलिस के हवाले की है। यही टेप कुछ दिन पहले यूटी प्रशासक को भी दी गई थी।

सोसायटी इस बार उन लोगों का भी विरोध करेगी, जो इस अवॉर्ड

सरेमन में भाग लेंगे। काबिलेगीर है कि उपरोक्त पूरे मामले में निशाने पर है गॉडफ्रे फिलिप्स रेड एंड व्हाइट कंपनी, जिमकी ओर से 27 जुलाई को ही ब्रेवरी अवॉर्ड्स की घोषणा की गई है। सोसायटी का कहना है कि अगर कंपनी को अवॉर्ड ही देने है तो उनका नया नाम रखे जो कंपनी से किसी तरह मेल न खाता हो।

जगल में मिला ककाल

पंचकदवा, 28 जुलाई / भास्कर

Thrilling experience for senior citizens

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 25

"Hello Sunny, I opened an e-mail account today, please note it down, you can now regularly send me e-mails".

This was the first e-mail communication of 76-year-old Col Gurnam Singh of Chandigarh for his son living in Canada.

Nearly 120 senior citizens from Chandigarh, Panchkula and Mohali attended an interactive workshop organised by the Burning Brain Society in association with the Society for promotion of I.T. in Chandigarh on the basics of internet and its use. The workshop was sponsored by the Unit Trust of India.

Dr J. K. Suri gave an interactive presentation on the basics of the Internet and its use in a very lucid and interesting way. He introduced the concept of surfing the Internet, opening e-mail accounts, searching for information and all basics related to Worldwide web.

For all of them it was the first introduction to comput-

ers and the Internet. All were thrilled to learn a new technology. The excitement reached its zenith when each senior citizen present was given a separate Internet-enabled computer to work on. Each one was backed by one volunteer of the society.

Many senior citizens opened their e-mail account and used the opportunity to send their first e-mail to their loved ones. Many preferred to search health-based sites and some even logged on to the Government of India site to lodge their long-pending complaints.

Mr R. C. Tandon of Sector 9, Panchkula, said: "Learning Internet is quite helpful for them as with age the mobility is reduced which makes it difficult to physically go everywhere, the Internet can help in such cases". Mr Gujral of Sector 46, who attended the workshop with his wife, said "It was a thrilling experience for me, my introduction and initiation into computers which I hope to continue."

Mr Hemant Goswami,

chairperson of the society said: "The purpose of the workshop is to introduce the basic concept of the Internet and break the inertia felt by the senior citizens in using it". He added that the senior citizens by

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सीनियर सिटीजंस के लिए वर्कशॉप 25 को

मल्लक मूल्य, चंडीगढ़, 25 जनवरी।

चंडीगढ़ कॉलेज ऑफ इंजीनियरिंग एंड टेक्नोलॉजी, सेक्टर-26 में 25 जनवरी को सीनियर सिटीजंस के लिए वर्कशॉप लगवाई जाएगी। इसमें उनके इंटरनेट के महत्व और इसके इस्तेमाल के बारे में जानकारी दी जाएगी।

यह वर्कशॉप संसाधनी परि प्रमोशन ऑफ अडॉल्ट की बर्निंग ब्रेन सोसायटी और अडॉल्ट डिपार्टमेंट की सहायता से आयोजित की जाएगी। सोसायटी के चेयरपर्सन हेमंत गोस्वामी के मुताबिक अडॉल्ट के इस युग में रिलेवेंट टिकट से बुकिंग, बैंकिंग बैंक एकराउंट्स, ट्रैकिंग इन्वेस्टमेंट, बिलों का भुगतान, पत्रों का अद्यतन प्रदान, राष्ट्रीय मामलों व शादी-ब्याह के लिए रिश्ते दूर से का काम पर बैठे इंटरनेट

के जरूरी साधन हैं। इंटरनेट से इन कार्यों में समय भी कम लगता है जिस कारण सीनियर सिटीजंस को इस बारे में जानकारी होना जरूरी है। अडॉल्ट डिपार्टमेंट के डायरेक्टर विक्रम अग्ने के मुताबिक अडॉल्ट काल में सीनियर सिटीजंस को योग्यता बढ़ाना जरूरी है। उन्होंने कहा कि वर्कशॉप के ई-मेल से अडॉल्ट लानु करने की दिशा में यह वर्कशॉप मददगार होगी।

वर्कशॉप दो घंटे चलेगी और बुजुर्गों को इंटरनेट पर काम करने का भी मौका दिया जाएगा। इसके दिन परीस नहीं ली जाएगी। वर्कशॉप में भाग लेने के लिए होटल सिविलिक ब्यू, सेक्टर-17 में ऑनलाइन सेन कोसवटी के ऑफिस और पंचकुला इंजीनियरिंग कॉलेज में विक्रम के ऑफिस से संपर्क किया जा सकता है।

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in helping the senior citizens learn the use of information technology Mr Atray also announced a free 10-day course at SPIC centre on the basics of computers and Internet for all senior citizens who attended the workshop.

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Elderly given tips on uses of Internet

HT Live correspondent Chandigarh, January 25

BURNING BRAIN Society in association with the Society for Promotion of IT in Chandigarh (SPIC) held a workshop for senior citizens to teach them basics of Internet and its use at Chandigarh Col-

ior citizens said they would know how to access the railway tickets, checking bank accounts, tracking investments, paying bills, sending letters and grievances, finding reading material, exploring matrimonial alliances for dear ones, through Internet.

"It is very useful as senior citizens cannot go outdoor and can now search these things on Internet," commented a Panchkula

resident, R.C. Tandon, in visitors' book.

The workshop was a useful programme for old people and it will bridge the gap between them and the younger generation and benefit them immensely, said F.C. Wadhwa.

Speaking during the workshop, Burning Brain Society chairperson Hemant Goswami said the purpose of the workshop was familiarise the city's

elderly with the uses of the Internet.

"Usually senior residents feel inertia while using computers and a lot them appreciated the gesture in this regard," he added.

Goswami said because older people have longer life they could live quality life by using the technology.

They imparted hands-on training to the senior citizens, a release said.



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Smoking, alcohol gateway to drug abuse, says BBS

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 27

The Burning Brain Society (BBS) started a drive from today to document and videograph the display of advertisements of tobacco and liquor in clear contravention of the established laws.

"We thought that bringing actual violations in light is the best way to mark the International Anti-Drug Day," said Mr Hemant Ramtirth Goswami, chairperson of BBS. He said that smoking and alcohol consumption was the first step towards drugs and substance abuse; it was rare to come across a drug user who had not graduated into drugs and substance abuse from first being a smoker or alcohol consumer. It was important to pay attention to the basic prevention; that is, taking care that the young people including school-going children did not start the habits of smoking and drinking", stressed Mr Goswami.

Many times the parents themselves unknowingly drove their children towards

such maladies. Children of people who smoked were three times more likely to smoke; similarly those who saw their parents drink and many times more likely to take up drinking compared to those whose parent did not smoke or drink, revealed Mr Hemant.

Dr Rajesh Kashyap said that "This is because elder people are the role model for the young and when the elders indulge in smoking and drinking, they tacitly accord acceptance to such substance use and give a clear signal to young that such indulgence is acceptable and also desirable".

Mr Goswami said the cost of initial prevention was much less than the cost of de-addiction and the health care or other resulting costs on the society. Criticising the government he said that the "National Fund for Control of Drug Abuse", proposed to be constituted under Section 7 of the NDPS Act to meet the expenditure incurred in connection with the measures taken for combating illicit traffic in, or controlling abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

was just another accounting head in the Budget and had not been formed to serve the desired objectives.

The law enforcement agencies were very lax in dealing with violations of law related to smoking and drinking which served as a first addiction pedestal. Quoting the law relating to advertisement, he pointed out that advertisements of cigarettes and alcohol in contravention of the law could be seen all over the region but the authorities seemed to sleep over them and act in most lenient manner. Since many among the enforcement agencies and the decision making body them were chain smokers and consumed alcohol so they had a dwindling commitment.

Camps to detect Cotinine, a major metabolite of nicotine, during the annual health check-ups of the government officials could be a good idea. This way officials who smoked could be removed from the decision-making chain related to enforcement of laws relating to smoking and drug use resulting in increased commitment against laws made in this regard, he suggested.

इस योजना के कार्यान्वयन के लिए राज्य के विभिन्न स्कूलों का दौरा करके जांचकर्ताओं को नियुक्त किया गया। स्कूलों को पूरा आसानी से जांच कर सकते हैं।

पेंटिंग प्रतियोगिता के विजेता पुरस्कृत

चंडीगढ़। बर्निंग ब्रेन सोसायटी द्वारा चंडीगढ़ की 50वीं वर्षगांठ पर आयोजित की 'आन द स्पॉट' पेंटिंग प्रतियोगिता के विजेताओं को रविवार को एक समारोह में पुरस्कार वितरित किया गया। गवर्नमेंट म्यूजियम में आयोजित समारोह में हरियाणा एग्री इंस्टीट्यूट के प्रबंध निदेशक अंकुर गुप्ता मुख्य अतिथि थे। सोसायटी के चेयरमैन हेमंत गोस्वामी ने कहा कि संस्था का उद्देश्य विद्यार्थियों को प्रतिभा को पहचान कर उन्हें प्रोत्साहित करना है। इस अवसर पर क्विज की सबसे छोटी श्रृंखला बनाने वाले कांटेन मैन दक्षिण पाल सिंह को भी सम्मानित किया गया।

गुप ए में वार्डोएस स्कूल मोहली के निरमन सिद्ध व सुरमेश सिंह, अमरावती पब्लिक स्कूल के अनमोल शर्मा, टिनी टॉटर्स फाउंडेशन स्कूल के सिरत सिद्ध तथा डीएवी पब्लिक स्कूल के साहित्य जेनेक को सम्मानित किया गया।

Tobacco, liquor ads to be videographed

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, June 26

The Burning Brain Society (BBS), a non-government organisation (NGO), today started a drive to document and videograph the advertisements of tobacco and liquor in violation of the laws to mark International Day Against Drug Abuse, said Mr Hemant Ramtirth Goswami, chairperson of the BBS said.

Mr Goswami added that smoking and alcohol consumption is the first step towards drugs and substance abuse. It is important to pay attention to the basic prevention, i.e. taking care that youngsters do not take up the habit of smoking or drinking, stressed Mr Goswami.

Tobacco firm award: IGP asked to act

THE BURNING Brain Society has lodged a complaint with the Chandigarh IG Police against a tobacco company for presenting a bravery award by the name of one of its brand of cigarettes. Society chairman Hemant Ramtirth Goswami said the presentation and institution of such awards bearing the name and logo design of a cigarette brand is 'illegal' after the implementation of The Cigarette and Tobacco Products Act, 2003. He said the legislature has done its job by enacting the law and now it was up to the officials concerned to enforce it. The society had demanded action against the company.

HTC, Chandigarh

BBS to videograph advertisements of tobacco, alcohol

HT Live Correspondent
Chandigarh, June 26

BURNING BRAIN Society (BBS), Sector 17, started a drive from today to document and videograph the display of advertisements of tobacco and liquor in public, which have been declared illegal.

BBS chairperson Hemant Ramtirth Goswami accused the police and other law enforcing bodies towards the enforcement of the ban and said he would submit the video films to the ITP Police IG Rajesh Kumar and the Administrator.

"We will complete the exercise in three days and then wait for sometime to see administration's reactions. If nothing comes out then we will move the Punjab and Haryana High Court," he said.

"We thought that bringing actual violations in light is the best way to mark the Day Against Drug Abuse," said Goswami, referring to the International Anti-Drug Day today.

He said that smoking and alcohol consumption is the first step towards drugs and substance abuse, and parents themselves unknowingly drive their children towards such maladies.



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Abuse on the collage campus, Dr. C.L. Narang, deputy director, Adult and Continuing Education Department and Dr. Satinder Dillon, principal of the college, spoke on the occasion.

■ Burning Brain Society today started a drive docu-

Amleshwar Singh

ment and videograph advertisements of tobacco and liquor. "We thought bringing violations to light was the best way to mark the day," said Hemant Ramtirth Goswami, chairperson of the society. He said drinking and smoking were the first steps towards drug abuse.

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CHANDIGARH, June 26

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English, one subject at a time," says Gupta.
The children are no longer in a separate section. "This was an experiment," Gupta remarks. "Over the years

changed the richer children's attitude. They realized the advantages they had. This was a classroom-building exercise. The real motto is "education is human value," which

we have tried to put a little consistency over it."

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Burning Brain finds smoking ban hazy

CMI Society News
Chandigarh

BURNING Brain Society's anti-smoking wing reviewed the union government's decision to enforce legislation banning advertisement of cigarettes and regulating its consumption from May 1. Burning Brain members concluded the ban was only on paper.

Hemant Goswami, chairperson of Burning Brain Society said that implementing agencies appear to be in no mood to enforce the smoking prohibition act.

No hotel in the region, not even government ones, have put up the mandatory board at the entrance stating, "No Smoking Area - Smoking Here is an Offence." Neither have hotels designated areas as Smoking or No Smoking, although they were supposed to do so by May 1, said Goswami. Smokers did not fear the Rs 200 fine, at all.

Several crucial sections of the original Act have been

withheld and not notified. For instance, selling cigarette within 100 yards of an educational institution has not been enforced.

Goswami pointed out when the Delhi government enacted similar legislation in 1990, it included Section 8 that prohibited the sale of cigarettes to minors and Section 9, which banned sale within a radius of 100 meters around educational institutes. When the notification was issued in January 1997 these two sections were excluded. It took around five years for these sections of the Delhi Act to see the light of day.

"If the Act was not to be notified and applied in full, then why did the government falsely pretend to be concerned about the ill-effects of smoking," asked Goswami.

Although the Act bans smoking of cigarettes or any tobacco product in public places, the definition of public places excludes all open space, which means that people can smoke in corridors and compounds of public places or in markets and parks. Technically speaking,

any place not enclosed by four walls is an open area.

Hotels with a seating capacity of 30 or more are permitted to have a smoking area for their customers. "This is against the spirit of the Act," said Goswami. "If smokers and non-smokers share the same space and roof it hardly matters whether it is a room for 30 or more because the effect of passive smoking will be there for non-smokers."

Another big area ignored in the Act is the littering of cigarette butts by smokers. "Cigarette butts are very harmful and contain many toxic chemicals," said Goswami. Over 4.5 trillion cigarettes are littered worldwide each year. Wind and rain often carry cigarette butts into waterways, where toxic chemicals in the cigarette filters leak out, threatening the quality of the water and the creatures who live in it. "Addressing this problem is as important as controlling smoking in public places," said Goswami.

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के आवास आरंभ की विविध अतिथि होमि... को उद्देश्य बच्चों में... को प्रदर्शन का अ... देना है।

के पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री प्रकाश सिंह बादल अपने साथ अन्य अकाली दलों को साथ लेकर एक प्लेटफार्म पर खड़े होकर

ताकि पंजाब को बागडोर फिर से अकालियों के हाथों में जा सके, जिससे पंथ को भला होगा। मानने कहा कि

इसे राज्य भी हिमाचल सिंह से बात

कथ नृत्य

चंडीगढ़ प्राचीन कला 71 मोहाली विशेष नृत्य जा रहा है। पूर्वा कीधर तैयार हुआ लोक नृत्य सुप्रसिद्ध नृत्य शैली के श्रीमती शोभा की सुपुत्री पूर्वा मिली। अस्थायी शोभा कोसल प्रारंभ किया। इन्होंने कथ बारीकियों का व लगन से

धमकी सिरसा, जान से मारने गया। अधिद

बर्निंग ब्रेन सोसायटी ने राष्ट्रपति को शिकायत की राज्यपाल वर्मा द्वारा सिगरेट कंपनी के समारोह में जाने पर गंभीर आपत्ति

चंडीगढ़, 8 जनवरी (ब्यूरो)। पंजाब के राज्यपाल जस्टिस ओपी वर्मा (सेवानिवृत्त) ने कल होटल माउंट व्यू में तंबाकू सिगरेट बनाने वाली कंपनी गोडफ्रे फिलिप्स इंडिया लि. द्वारा आयोजित 'बहादुरी अवार्ड' कार्यक्रम में मुख्य अतिथि के तौर पर हिस्सा लिया था।

इस कार्यक्रम में जीओसी इन चोफ लै. जन एसएस मेहता तथा हरियाणा के मुख्य सचिव एएन माथुर विशेष अतिथि के तौर पर उपस्थित हुए थे। कार्यक्रम था बहादुरी अवार्ड का, लेकिन ईनामों की आड़ में कंपनी द्वारा अपने ब्रांड का प्रचार करना था। एक आम व्यक्ति एक बात आसानी से

समझ सकता है कि सारा तमाशा सिगरेट की विशेष ब्रांड के प्रचार के लिए था। किसी सिगरेट के ब्रांड के नाम पर बहादुरी के पुरस्कारों का सौधा मतलब युवकों को मजबूत और बहादुर बनाने के लिए सिगरेटों को इस्तेमाल किया जाए जो हिन्दी में 'रेड एण्ड व्हाइट पीने वालों की बात ही कुछ और है' नारे से स्पष्ट हो जाती है। इससे स्पष्ट है कि युवा वर्ग में सिगरेट को लोकप्रिय बनाना है। प्रायः 85 प्रतिशत सिगरेट पीने वालों में 18 वर्ष से कम आयु वर्ग के होते हैं। इसलिए यह पुरस्कार युवकों को छिपी इच्छाओं को बढ़ाने के लिए दिए जाते हैं। उक्त विरोध बर्निंग ब्रेन सोसायटी ने अपनी प्रेस विज्ञप्ति में व्यक्त

किया है। जिसमें कहा गया था कि इस संबंध में राष्ट्रपति को जापन भेजा गया है।

विज्ञप्ति के अनुसार राज्यपाल ओपी वर्मा को सोसायटी के चेयरपर्सन हेमंत गोस्वामी व अन्य सदस्यों ने होटल में प्रवेश होते ही इस संबंध में विरोध प्रकट किया था। उन्होंने राज्यपाल से कहा था कि आपके समारोह में उपस्थित रहने से सिगरेट के ब्रांड का प्रचार होगा। राज्यपाल को यह भी बताया कि वह स्पष्ट रूप से रेड एण्ड व्हाइट का प्रचार कर रहे हैं। मगर राज्यपाल ने कहा, आपको अपनी बात कहने का हक है। इसके बाद वह समारोह में चले गए।



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