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## No Conflict of Interest with Tobacco Industry

Tobacco use is the gateway to the world of addiction. Each year millions of children in India begin experimenting with tobacco use and become lifelong tobacco users. Global evidence suggests that tobacco use is leading cause of premature mortality and prevents individuals, families, communities and nations from achieving their true potentials of growth and development. Tobacco industry is among the most corrupt and venal in its practices. The WHO and many leading public health organisations have warned that the tobacco industry misleads governments and communities to achieve its profits, by advancing its addictive products. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India have also adopted a comprehensive code of conduct to prevent tobacco industry interference.

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