

# Children campaign for tobacco-free future

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A large number of volunteers, including 35 children, took part in a 'World No-Tobacco Day' signature campaign and demonstration at the Central Bus Stand (CBS) here on Sunday.

The campaign was conducted by the members of Mary Anne Charity Trust(MACT), Chennai with Children's Federation for Tobacco-Free World, with focus on the World Health Organisation theme of 'Tobacco Health Warnings'.

Leading the campaign, Cyril Alexander, Director, MACT, said in spite of pictorial warnings, fines with a maximum

of Rs.10,000 and imprisonment, the consumption rate of tobacco products among people, especially youth, is high.

"We believe the signature campaign and demonstration will encourage the government and the public to implement stringent policies against the usage of tobacco", he added.

A large number of volunteers, including commuters, police personnel, students, flower vendors, drivers and conductors, participated in the campaign and distributed pamphlets on the ills of tobacco. S.Selva Kumar, Training Co-ordinator, MACT, Subratha and Arun, co-ordinators and others participated.



Children advocating a 'Tobacco-Free World' at CBS, Tiruchy, on Sunday