

## Tobacco auctions deferred: Board

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Guntur: The tobacco board has put off ongoing tobacco auctions in the state as part of the measures to contain the spread of COVID-19. After discussing the issue with stakeholders, farmers and merchants, tobacco board executive director K Sunitha has decided to defer the auctions till March, 31.

She has asked officials to close down the auction centres with immediate effect. However, the farmers are also worried that the delayed auctions might result in damage of the leaf and prices may further dip. Tnn

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