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NEW DELHI: (Oct 8) CIABC, the industry association representing domestic Indian-made liquor companies, on Thursday questioned the effectiveness of Karnataka's Alcohol-in-Beverage (AIB) taxation regime and the preferential treatment given to the 'beer' category.

The Confederation of Indian Alcoholic Beverage Companies (CIABC) countered claims made by the Brewers Association of India (BAI) that the new tax structure has boosted state revenues and encouraged consumption of milder alcoholic beverages.

Citing state government data for July-September 2026, CIABC said there is a "divergence" between volume growth and revenue contribution across Indian-made liquor (IML) and beer.

