

## **Sensitization Workshop on COTPA, 2003 with the Police Officials at Chandannagar Police Commissionerate on 06.06.2018**

### **Introduction:**

Tobacco use continues to be the leading global cause of death and threatening to become an uncontrollable epidemic with 13 lakhs deaths every year due to Tobacco diseases. As a result Tobacco related mortality is increasing day by day. Economic burden (both Direct and Indirect) of Tobacco use India, is estimated Rs.1,04,500 crores per year. In this context Tobacco Control Programme aims to reduce diseases, disabilities and deaths related to tobacco use. Against this backdrop **MANT** has been facilitating for establishment of an effective and efficient system of Tobacco Control in West Bengal.

### **Planning:**

As per order of Deputy Inspector General of Police, CID, West Bengal to all SPs/SRPs/All CPs of all Commissionerate of West Bengal Police, MANT approached the Honorable Commissioner of Police Chandannagar Police Commissionerate, Hooghly to organise Sensitization Programme in regard to Cigarettes and other Tobacco products Act, 2003. The date of the Sensitization Programme on COTPA, 2003 was fixed on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

### **Focus:**

The main focus of the programme was to orient and sensitize police officials of Chandannagar Police Commissionerate, Hooghly regarding the health & economic burden of tobacco use and about a comprehensive enforcement strategy for the implementation of **Cigarette and other Tobacco Product (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003** which can significantly reduce or eliminate the exposure to smoking.



**Venue:** Conference Hall, Chandannagar Police Commissionerate, Hooghly

**Programme Date:** 06.06.2018

**Schedule Time:** 10.30 AM

**Duration Time:** One and Half Hour

### **Target Group:**

Police Officials, Chandannagar Police Commissionerate, Hooghly

**No. of Stakeholders:** 40

### Resources Persons:

- Shri Ajay Kumar IPS – CP Chandannagar
- Shri Vaibhav Tiwari IPS – DCP (HQ) Chandannagar
- Ms. Swati Bhangalia IPS –ADCP (DD) Chandannagar
- Shri Mrinal Majumdar IPS- ADCP (Traffic) Chandannagar
- Shri Amlan Ghosh – ADCP (Serampore),Chandannagar
- Ms. Samarpita Sanyal – Project Coordinator, MANT Kolkata
- Mr. Anirban Roy – Project Coordinator, MANT Kolkata
- Ms. Barsha Nandy - Regional Coordinator, MANT Kolkata

### Content of the Programme:

- Tobacco burden in India and health effects of tobacco use: Special reference to Kolkata Police, Bidhannagar Police Commissionerate, Asansol-Durgapur Police Commissionerate & Howrah Police Commissionerate
- An Overview of COTPA (Section 4, 5, 6, 7).
- Various other acts.
- Role of police in enforcement drives.

### Methodology:

- Presentation on Health Burden of Tobacco Use and an overview of COTPA 2003.
- Videos on enforcement
- Interactive sessions

### Decisions taken:

- The Programme chaired by Honourable CP Shri Ajay Kumar IPS –Chandannagar under Chandannagar Police Commissionerate.
- It has been decided that signage of Section 4 will be displayed at all police stations under Chandannagar Police Commissionerate.
- ACP-EB selected as Nodal Officer at Chandannagar Police Commissionerate.
- Enforcement drives to be taken care off.
- In monthly Crime Review meeting Tobacco Control will be a part from now on.



**Follow up:**

- Police Commissionerate will approach to Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of West Bengal to provide challan and receipt books and they will start enforcement as early as possible.

**Feedbacks:**

All the police officials committed that they would take required initiatives to make their police stations Smokefree as soon as possible and will do the enforcement at their level.