

Sensitization Workshop on COTPA,2003 for the Police Officials of Hooghly Rural Police on 12.07.2019

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. In this perspective **MANT** is on the way towards 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 Commissionerates of West Bengal Police, Executive Director, MANT approached to SP, Hooghly Rural Police to organize Sensitization programme in regard to Cigarettes and other Tobacco products Act. 2003.SP,Hooghly Rural Police finalized a date of Sensitization workshop on COTPA, 2003 for the Police Officials of Hooghly Rural Police on 12th July, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.



Focus:

The main focus of the programme was to orient and sensitize police officials of Hooghly Rural Police regarding the health & economic burden of tobacco use and about a comprehensive enforcement strategy through 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

Programme Date: 12.07.2010

Schedule Time: 11:00 A.M

Duration Time: One and half Hour

Target Group: Police Officials of Hooghly Rural Police

No. of Stakeholders: 39

Resources Persons:

- ASP (HQ), Hooghly Rural Police
- Director, MANT Kolkata
- Regional Coordinator, MANT Kolkata

Content of the Programme:

- Tobacco burden in India and health effects of tobacco use: Special reference to Kolkata Police & Howrah city Police.
- An Overview of COTPA (Section 4, 5, 6, 7).
- Role of police in enforcement drives.
- Tobacco Vendor Mandatory Licensing.
- Blueline Campaign.

Methodology:

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

Decisions Taken:

- It has been decided that signage of Section 4 will be provided by MANT Kolkata for all police stations under Hooghly Rural Police.
- Nodal officers will be selected.
- Enforcement will be start in rural areas as early as possible.
- Challan and receipt will be provided to all Police stations by the Health Department of Hooghly.
- All the police officials committed that they would take required initiatives to make their police stations smokefree as soon as possible.

