

Sensitization Workshop on COTPA,2003 for the Police Officials of Sundarban Police District on 20.02.2018

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. 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 Superintendent of Police, Sundarban Police District to organize a Sensitization programme in regard to Cigarettes and other Tobacco products Act. 2003. After several interactions Superintendent of Police, Sundarban Police District finalized a date of Sensitization workshop on COTPA, 2003 for the Police Officials of Sundarban Police District on 20th February at 12 PM.

Focus:

The main focus of the programme was to orient and sensitize police officials of Sundarban Police District 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, SP office, Sundarban Police District

Programme Date: 20.02.2018

Schedule Time: 12 PM

Duration Time: One Hour

Target Group:

Police Officials of Sundarban Police District

No. of Stakeholders: 36

Resources Persons:

- Additional Superintendent of Police, Sundarban Police District
- 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.

Methodology:

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

Follow Up:

- It has been decided that signage of Section 4 will be displayed at all police stations of Sundarban Police District.
- Nodal officers will be selected.
- South 24 Parganas District Health and Family Welfare Samiti provided Challan books to the SP of Sundarban Police District to enforce COTPA,2003 and Sundarban Police authority committed to start enforcement very soon.
- SP, Sundarban Police District requested MANT authority to share the draft memorandum of Tobacco Free School under sec 6(b) of COTPA, 2003.



Feed Back:

All the police officials committed that they would take required initiatives to make their police stations smokefree as soon as possible.