

## **Sensitization Workshop on COTPA, 2003 for the Members of Enforcement Squad, Alipurduar District on 22.11.18**

### **Introduction:**

Tobacco use continues to be the leading global cause of death and threatening to become an uncontrollable epidemic. As a result Tobacco related mortality is increasing day by day. 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:**

Executive Director, MANT approached the Dy. CMOH II, Alipurduar for organizing a Meeting on advancing Tobacco Control with Special emphasis on Capacity Building and Enforcement of COTPA, 2003 for the District Level Enforcement Squad of Alipurduar. After a series of discussions with the Dy. CMOH II and Nodal Officer- NTCP, Alipurduar, a date has been finalized for the meeting. The meeting was held on 22.11.2018.

### **Focus:**

The main focus of the Programme was to orient & sensitize the District Administration and District Health Officials regarding the burden of Tobacco and about a comprehensive enforcement through the implementation of **Cigarette and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply & Distribution) Act. 2003** which can significantly reduce or eliminate the exposure to second-hand smoking.



**Venue: Conference Hall at Doars Kanya**

**Programme Date: 22.11.2018**

**Schedule Time: 3 P.M**

**Duration: One Hour.**

**Target Group: District Level Enforce Squad members.**

**No. of stakeholders: 12**

**Resource persons:**

- The OC, Health,
- The CMOH,
- The Dy. CMOH-II , District Nodal Officer- NTCP
- Director, MANT

- Regional Coordinator, MANT

#### **Content of the Programme:**

- Tobacco burden in India and health effects of tobacco use
- An Overview of COTPA (Section 4, 5, 6, 7)
- Role of various Departments in TC
- Way forwards

#### **Methodology:**

- Presentation on Health Burden of Tobacco use and an Overview of COTPA 2003
- Interactive Session
- Sharing of Best Practices of Howrah, Darjeeling

#### **Decision Taken:**

- All the Departments would take initiatives to declare the District Smoke-free.
- The Enforcement squad would move regularly both at the District and the Block levels.
- The Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of West Bengal provided Challan and Receipt books for regular Enforcement.
- It has been decided that the signage of Section 4 and the Section 6b will be displayed at Public Places and Schools and it would be ensured as early as possible.
- An Enforcement drive Planning was shared with the Home Department for regular enforcement and for better implementation of various provisions of the law it their letters and spirit.



#### **Follow Up**

All the members of Enforcement Squad committed that they would take required initiatives to make the District Smoke-free as soon as possible. They also asked to notify block level officials to be a part of the Block of Enforcement Squad.