

## **Sensitization Workshop on COTPA,2003 for the Police Officials of Howrah Rural District Police on 25.07.2018**

### **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, Regional Coordinator, MANT approached to DSP(D&T), Howrah Rural District Police to organize Sensitization programme in regard to Cigarettes and other Tobacco products Act. 2003. After several interactions DSP (D&T), Howrah Rural District Police finalized a date of Sensitization workshop on COTPA, 2003 for the Police Officials of Howrah Rural District Police on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 at 11 A.M

### **Focus:**

The main focus of the programme was to orient and sensitize police officials of Howrah Rural District 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:** Paniara Conference Hall

**Programme Date:** 25.07.2018

**Schedule Time:** 11 A.M

**Duration Time:** One Hour

**Target Group:** Police Officials of Howrah Rural District Police

**No. of Stakeholders:** 29

### **Resources Persons:**

- DSP(D&T), Howrah Rural District Police
- Director, 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 Howrah Rural District Police.
- Nodal officers will be selected.
- Enforcement will be start in rural areas as early as possible.

**Feed Back:**

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