

**Sensitization Meeting on Advancing Tobacco Control with
Special emphasis on Capacity Building and Enforcement of COTPA, 2003 at
West Bengal Judicial Academy, Kolkata**

Introduction:

Tobacco use is considered to be the leading global cause of death and threatening to become an uncontrollable epidemic with 13 lakh deaths every year due to tobacco use, As a result tobacco related mortality is increasing other the years. Economic burden (both direct and indirect) of tobacco use in India, is estimated to Rs.1,04,500 crores per year.

Focus:

The main focus of the programme was to orient or sensitize the Civil Judge (Junior Division)/Judicial Magistrate regarding the burden of Tobacco use 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 and Distribution) Act 2003** which can significantly reduce and eliminate the exposure to passive smoking. It is expected that these judges after training would be placed at various districts and would be able to enforce the law in their respective jurisdictions after this sensitization programme.



Planning:

The Regional Coordinator approached to the Director Ms Ananya Bondopadhyay for Sensitization Meeting on advancing Tobacco Control with Special Emphasis on capacity building and enforcement of COTPA, 2003 with the trainees of Judicial Academy . After several interactions, Director, Judicial Academy finalized the date of sensitization meeting on 3rd July, 2017 with the trainees at West Bengal Judicial Academy, Kolkata

Venue: West Bengal Judicial Academy, Kolkata

Programme Date: 3.07.17

Schedule Time: 2.50 PM

Duration Time: Two and half hour

Target Group: Civil Judge (Junior Division)/Judicial Magistrate

No. of Stakeholders: 24 (Civil Judge (Junior Division)/Judicial Magistrate)

Resources Persons:

- Mr. Nirmalya Mukherjee, Director, MANT

Content of the Programme:

- Tobacco Burden in India and health effects of tobacco use.
- An overview of COTPA(section 4,5,6,7)

Methodology:

- Presentation of health burden of tobacco use and overview of COTPA,(2003)
- Interactive Session
- Videos



FOLLOW UP:

- The judicial Academy authority has been requested to include Tobacco Control as a part of their training curriculum.
- MANT has been requested to prepare a training manual on COTPA, 2003 which will be incorporated in the training programme after the approval of Honorable Kolkata High Court.

FEEDBACK:

The trainees were interested about the various provisions of the law and how to enforce the same at the local level as they have, asked many questions on the issues mentioned above.