

**Sensitization Meeting on Advancing Tobacco Control with  
Special emphasis on Capacity Building and Enforcement of COTPA, 2003 at  
West Bengal Judicial Academy, Kolkata on 5.06.2018**

**Introduction:**

Tobacco is threatening to become an uncontrollable epidemic with 13 lakh deaths every year due to tobacco related diseases. Economic burden (both direct and indirect) of tobacco use in India is estimated to Rs. 104,500 crores per year. In this context tobacco control programs aim to reduce disease, disability and death related to tobacco use. Against this backdrop MANT has been facilitating for establishment of effective and efficient system of tobacco control in the state of West Bengal.

**Focus:**

The main focus of the programme was to orient or sensitize District Judge (Entry Level) 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:**

Director, MANT approached to the Addl. Director Mr Raja Chatterjee, WBJA 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, Addl. Director, Judicial Academy finalized the date of sensitization meeting on 5th June, 2018 with the trainees at West Bengal Judicial Academy, Kolkata

**Venue:** West Bengal Judicial Academy, Kolkata

**Programme Date:** 5.06.2018

**Schedule Time:** 12.10 PM

**Duration Time:** One and half hour

**Target Group:** District Judge (Entry Level)

**No. of Stakeholders:** 12 District Judges (Entry Level)

**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)
- Various other acts.



**Methodology:**

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

**Decision Taken:**

- MANT has been requested to deliver a lecture on COTPA, 2003 in the next training programme will be organized for the Civil Judge (Junior Division)/Judicial Magistrate on Probation in the month of June-July,18.

**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.