

Sensitization Workshop on COTPA, 2003 for the Police Officials of Alipurduar Police, Alipurduar on 16.02.2018

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** for supporting the Police authorities has been 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 requested to the SP, Alipurduar to organize a Sensitization programme in regard to Cigarettes and other Tobacco products Act,2003 and the SP, Alipurduar agreed it. The date of the Sensitization Programme on COTPA, 2003 was fixed on 16th February, 2018.

Focus:

The main focus of the programme was to orient and sensitize police officials of Alipurduar Police, Alipurduar regarding the health & economic burden of tobacco use and about a comprehensive enforcement strategy for 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: Guest House, Alipurduar

Programme Date: 16.02.2018

Schedule Time: 12 Noon

Duration Time: One Hour

Target Group:

Police Officials, Alipurduar Police, Alipurduar

No. of Stakeholders: 30

Resources Persons:

- Additional Superintendent of Police(HQ)
- Project Coordinator, 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 Alipurduar police, Alipurduar Nodal officers will also be selected.
- Police Administration will approach to Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of West Bengal to provide challan books and they will start enforcement as early as possible.

Feedbacks:

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