

Sensitization Workshop on COTPA, 2003 for the Police Officials of Alipurduar Police, Alipurduar on 22.11.2018

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:

Executive Director, MANT approached the Dy. CMOH II for organizing a Sensitization Meeting on advancing Tobacco Control with Special emphasis on Capacity Building and Enforcement of COTPA, 2003 for the Police Officials of Alipurduar. After several discussion with the Dy. CMOH II, 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 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: Police Conference Hall, Alipurduar

Programme Date: 22.11.2018

Schedule Time: 11.30 AM

Duration Time: Two Hour

Target Group:

Police Officials, Alipurduar Police, Alipurduar

No. of Stakeholders: 11

Resources Persons:

- Dy. Superintendent of Police(HQ)
- Project Director, 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.
- The Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of West Bengal provided the challan books to the Home Department 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.