

Sensitization Workshop on COTPA, 2003 for the Police Officials of Uttar Dinajpur District Police on 19.09.2019

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 for establishment of an effective and efficient system of Tobacco Control in West Bengal.



Planning:

Dy CMOH-II, Uttar Dinajpur & Regional Coordinator, MANT approached the Additional SP, Uttar Dinajpur 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 Uttar Dinajpur District Police. After several discussions with Additional SP, Uttar Dinajpur, a date has been finalized for the meeting. The meeting was held on 19.09.2019.

Focus:

The main focus of the programme was to orient and sensitize police officials of Uttar Dinajpur District Police, 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: Conference Hall, O/o Superintendent of Police, Bogram, Kornojora, Uttar Dinajpur

Programme Date: 19.09.2019

Schedule Time: 12.15 PM

Duration Time: 1 Hours

Target Group:

Police Officials, Uttar Dinajpur District Police

No. of Stakeholders: 44

Resources Persons:

- Dy CMOH-II, Uttar Dinajpur
- District Consultant, DTCC, Uttar Dinajpur
- 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.

Decision Taken:

- It has been decided that signage of Section 4 will be displayed at all police stations of Uttar Dinajpur.
- Nodal officers will be selected.
- Police Administration will collect Challan books from District Health & Family Welfare Samiti, Uttar Dinajpur 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 Smoke-free as soon as possible. It was further decided that enforcement would be taken place by the Police at regular intervals in the district.