



National Tobacco Control Cell Health Services Division Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Bangladesh

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➤ **Meeting on draft strategic paper for controlling Smokeless Tobacco usage:**

Inter-ministerial meeting on draft strategic paper for controlling Smokeless Tobacco (SLT) usage was held on 15th October'19 at the conference room of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. Mr. Md. Ashadul Islam, Secretary, Health Services Division chaired this meeting. Mr. Md. Saidur Rahman, Additional Secretary (WH), Health Services division; Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Joint Secretary & Coordinator of NTCC and distinguished government officials from different ministries/departments, INGO/NGO and NTCC officials were also present in the meeting. The draft strategic paper for controlling SLT usage was presented there and participants opined their valuable suggestion & recommendation for finalization of the draft strategic paper.



➤ **'Capacity building workshop on enforcement of Tobacco Control Law' for Sanitary Inspectors:**

'Capacity building workshop on enforcement of Tobacco Control Law' for Sanitary Inspectors (9th, 10th & 11th batch of 2019) was held at BMA bhaban conference room on 23-24th, 27-28th & 28-29th October'19. Mr. Md. Ashadul Islam, Secretary, Health Services Division inaugurated the training of 10th batch.

Ms Rina Parveen, Additional Secretary (PH & WH), Health Services division; Mr. Md. Saidur Rahman, Additional Secretary (Dev.), Health Services division were also present as chief guest at other batches training. Dr. AE Md. Muhiuddin Osmani, Joint Chief (Planing), HSD; Mr. Md. Shafiqul Islam, Head of Programs, Vital Strategies; Mr. Khandokar Zakir Hossain, Deputy Secretary (WH-2); Dr. Syed Mahfuzul Huq, NPO, WHO; Adv. Syed Mahbubul Alam, Technical Advisor, The Union; Dr. Rafiqul Hayder, Deputy Director (PHC), DGHS and Program Officers of NTCC were also present & conducted different session of the workshop.

Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Joint Secretary and Coordinator, National Tobacco Control Cell coordinated the overall training program effectively and efficiently.



➤ **Meeting on Proposed Standard Packaging for Tobacco Products for proper implementation of GHW :**

On 9th October'19, in collaboration with Tobacco Control and Research Cell (TCRC), Dhaka International University (The Union grantee), NTCC organized a meeting on 'Proposed Standard Packaging for Tobacco Products for proper implementation of GHW' at HEU conference room. Barrister Shameem Haider Patwary, MP attended the meeting as chief guest and chaired by Mr. Md. Saidur Rahman, Additional Secretary (World Health), Health Services Division.

Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Joint Secretary and Coordinator of NTCC; Mr. Md. Shafiqul Islam, Head of Programs, Vital Strategies; Mr. Khandokar Zakir Hossain, Deputy Secretary (WH-2); Dr. Syed Mahfuzul Huq, NPO, WHO; Adv. Syed Mahbubul Alam, Technical Advisor, The Union; distinguished members from different government and NGO's and Program Officers of NTCC were also present at the meeting. Necessity of standard packaging for all Tobacco Products for proper implementation of GHW as well as Tobacco Control Law were discussed and valuable suggestions and decisions were made for it's future implementation.



➤ **Meeting and Press briefing on 'Emerging Tobacco Products':**

On 3rd October 2019, in collaboration with CTFK, NTCC organized a discussion meeting and press conference on 'Emerging tobacco products: Bangladesh & International Perspective and what to do?' at the meeting room of MoHFW.

- Mr. Shaikh Yusuf Harun, Secretary, Medical Education and Family Welfare Division, MoHFW represented the honorable Minister of Health and read-out Health Minister's speech in front of journalist from various TV, Radio, Print & Online media
- After the press conference a consultative meeting held which was chaired by Mr. Md. Habibur Rahman Khan, Additional Secretary – Admin, HSD. Many senior officials from different ministries and divisions attended the meeting.
- Ms. Vandana Shah, Director (South Asia Programs), CTFK presented an informative presentation on emerging tobacco products and a prolific discussion were held among the participants.



➤ **GATS Technical Committee Meeting on Final Report Publication:**

On 9th & 16th October '19, in collaboration with World Health organization, NTCC organized technical committee meeting on GATS full report. President of GATS Technical Committee Mr. Md. Saidur Rahman, Additional Secretary (World Health), Health Services Division chaired this meeting. Other members of technical committee were also present and they reviewed the full report and gave their final feedback for finalization of GATS-2017 report for submitting it in front of Steering Committee's approval and then its publication.

➤ **Others:**

- On 18th October, NTCC coordinator Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Sheikh, along with program officers Mir Nabin Ekram and Aminul Islam attended round-table program on Emerging tobacco product at National Heart Foundation in which Honorable Information Minister attended as chief guest.

- Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Coordinator and Aminul Islam, Program Officer of NTCC attended 50th Union World Conference on Lung Health, from 30 October – 02 November 2019, held at Hyderabad International Convention Center, Hyderabad, India. NTCC coordinator provided a power point presentation on TB and Tobacco in a session of this conference.

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