



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

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### ✚ *'Supervisory visit in Khulna & Pabna on tobacco control law:*

Two supervisory visit were conducted in Khulna & Pabna district to monitor enforcement of tobacco control law that includes provision of smoke-free public places/transports, illegal tobacco advertisement and promotions (including point of sale tobacco ads), sale to and by minor and 50% graphical health warnings etc. NTCC team (Coordinator & Program officer) met Deputy Commissioner and Civil Surgeon of Khulna & Pabna district. All of them were cordially requested to effectively activate the 'Task force' committee to implement Tobacco Control Law (TC law) in their jurisdiction and to conduct mobile court on TC law regularly.



### ✚ *Meeting to sensitize 'Authorized Officers' & 'Task-force Members' on TC law in Khulna & Pabna:*

NTCC conducted two meeting in order to sensitization of 'Authorized officers' & 'Task-force members' on tobacco control law from Upazilla and district level of Khulna and Pabna district on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2019. These training were aimed to increase the capacity of 'Authorized officers' & 'Task-force members' to effectively implement tobacco control law in their jurisdiction to combat tobacco menace. Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Joint Secretary & Coordinator of NTCC was present as chief guest on both occasions. Deputy Commissioner of Khulna & Pabna district preside these training. Divisional Director (health), Civil Surgeon, Additional district magistrate, UNO, UH&FPO, executive magistrate, AC Land and member of district task-force committee from above mentioned district also participated in these training.



**✚ Project ‘Steering Committee’ meeting of NTCC was held:**

Steering committee meeting of ‘Establishment of Effective Tobacco Control Program in Bangladesh (2<sup>nd</sup> phase)’ project of NTCC was held on 12th May, 2019 at the mini-conference room of Health Services Division, MoHFW. Mr. Md. Ashadul Islam, Secretary, Health Services Division presided this meeting. Other member of this committee and Coordinator of NTCC with his Program officers was also present. Activities of NTCC taken under this project were reviewed and valuable suggestion & guideline was given for successful implementation of ongoing project.



**✚ Training of Trainers (ToT) on tobacco control law implementation:**

For effective implementation of ‘Smoking & Tobacco Product Usage (Control) Act & Rule’ throughout the country ‘Training of Trainers (ToT)’ was held for the members of ‘Task-force’ committee & other stake holders (eg. NGO) in May, 2019. National Tobacco Control Cell conducted this training where two task-force members from 32 districts [one from DC office & one from CS office] and member from different anti-tobacco NGO’s participated. Total three batches training was held in 15-16<sup>th</sup>, 19-20<sup>th</sup> & 26-27<sup>th</sup> May respectively. Md. Ashadul Islam, Secretary – Health Services Division chaired the opening session of 1<sup>st</sup> batch on 15<sup>th</sup> May; Md.

Mostafizur Rahman, Addl. Secretary, Cabinet Division; Md. Habibur Rahman Khan, Addl. Secretary (Admin), HSD; Md. Saidur Rahman, Addl. Secretary (World Health), HSD also chaired the opening session of other batches.

Prof. Dr. Pran Gopal Datta, Ex-Vice Chancellor of BSMMU; Md. Shafiqul Islam, Head of programs, Vital Strategies; Md. Shariful Alam, Chief Consultant, CTFK; Md. Ruhul Quddus, Additional Secretary (Rtd.); Md. Sharf Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury, Consultant, NHF; Dr. Syed Mahfuzul Huq, NPO, WHO; Adv. Syed Mahbubul Alam, Technical Advisor, The Union and other distinguished guest conducted different session of these training.

Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Coordinator (Joint Secretary) of NTCC with his program officers coordinated this training program efficiently.



**World No Tobacco Day 2019 preparation:**

Several sub-committees meeting were held on May, 2019 to celebrate World No Tobacco Day'2019. Md. Habibur Rahman, Additional Secretary (PH & WH), Health Services Division, Mr. Md. Shafiqul Islam, Head of Programs, Vital Strategy; Md. Shariful Alam, Chief Consultant, CTFK; Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Coordinator of NTCC; Dr. Shamim Rizwan, Program manager, NCDC DGHS; Dr. Syed Mahfuzul Huq, NPO, WHO; Adv. Syed Mahbubul Alam, Technical Advisor, The Union and other distinguished member from different Govt., INGO and NGO's were also present at the meeting. All participants give their valuable suggestion and recommendation to celebrate the WNTD'19 with success. The slogan of WNTD, poster design and other important factors were finalized in these meetings.

Message for Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Minister for Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Secretary and Additional Secretary (World Health) of Health Services Division and Director General of DGHS has been developed for WNTD special supplement to the newspapers.

**✚ Others:**

- Mr. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Coordinator attended as chief guest at the view exchange meeting to make the health care centres tobacco free at Ishwardi sub-district, Pabna that was jointly organized by UBINIG, TABINAJ and CTFK. Mr. Aminul Islam, Program Officer accompanied coordinator.
- NTCC Coordinator and Program Officer attended meeting on tobacco free guideline for local government organizations at Local Government Division.
- Mr. Aminul Islam, program officer of NTCC attended "Strengthening the Whole-of-Government Approach to Address Tobacco Industry Interference", organized by The Global Centre for Good Governance in Tobacco Control (GGTC). This program was held on 16-17 May 2019 at Montien Riverside hotel, Bangkok, Thailand.

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