



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

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➤ *Supervisory Visit in Mymensingh:*

Supervisory visit was conducted in Mymensingh 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. Mr. Md. Habibur Rahman Khan, Additional Secretary (PH & WH) and project director of NTCC, Coordinator & Program officer of NTCC met Divisional Commissioner of Mymensingh division; Divisional director (Health) & Civil Surgeon of Mymensingh; UNO & UHFPO of Bhaluka Upazila of Mymensingh. All of them were cordially requested to effectively activate the 'Task force' committee to implement TC law in their jurisdiction and to conduct mobile court on TC law regularly.



➤ *Divisional workshop in Mymensingh:*

Divisional workshop on implementation of tobacco control law in relation to graphical health warning was jointly organized by National Tobacco Control Cell, Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Mymensingh and Tobacco Control and Research Cell (TCRC), DIU. The workshop was held at Divisional Commissioner's office, Mymensingh 5th December 2018. Mr. Md. Habibur Rahman Khan, Additional Secretary (Public Health and World Health), Health Services Division, MoHFW, Mr. Mahmud Hasan Divisional Commissioner of Mymensingh, Coordinator of National Tobacco Control Cell and all additional district magistrates and Civil Surgeon's of Mymensingh division were present in the workshop. Through the Divisional Commissioner of Mymensingh project director of NTCC cordially requested all additional district magistrates and Civil Surgeon's of Mymensingh division to effectively activate the 'Task force' committee to implement TC law in their jurisdiction and to conduct mobile court on TC law regularly.



➤ **Capacity building workshop for Sanitary Inspector:**

Capacity Building Workshop on Enforcement of Tobacco Control Law (for Sanitary Inspector-4th batch) was organized by National Tobacco Control Cell and World Health Organization (WHO) on 12-13th December 2018. Md. Shafiqul Islam, Head of programs, Vital Strategies; Md. Hafizur Rahman Chowdhury, Deputy Secretary (WH-2) & Md. Motaher Hossain, Deputy Secretary (WH-1), Health Services Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; Dr. Syed Mahfuzul Haq, NPO of WHO were also present and moderated different sessions in the workshop.



➤ **Capacity building workshop for Imam on tobacco control:**

To orient Imams about harms of tobacco use, TC law of Bangladesh and tobacco control in light of Islam, so that they can play a role in tobacco control and deliver evidence based anti-tobacco messages to the community at every opportunity NTCC with support from the Islamic Foundation of Bangladesh and WHO, organized one-day-long trainings for Imam from different mosques of Dhaka in two batches (23-24th December). Mr. Md. Khalilur Rahman, Coordinator, NTCC inaugurates the workshop; Md. Hafizur Rahman Chowdhury, Deputy Secretary (WH-2), program officer of NTCC, NPO of WHO and representative from The Union, Islamic Foundation & Ark foundation conducted different sessions of the workshop. Mr. Md. Habibur Rahman Khan, Additional Secretary (world health & public health), Health Services Division was present as chief guest in the closing session of the workshop.



➤ **Meeting on preparing a 'Road-Map' for tobacco control:**

"Meeting (2nd) on prepare road-map to make the country tobacco free by 2040"; was held on 27.12.2018 at the conference room of Health Economics Unit. Mr. Md. Habibur Rahman khan, Additional Secretary (Public Health and World Health), Health Services Division presided the meeting. Mr. Nasiruddin Ahmed (former Chairmen of NBR) Faculty, BGID; Mr. Md. Shafiqul Islam, Head of Programs, Vital Strategy and other distinguished member from different INGO and NGO's were also present at the meeting. All the members expressed their valuable opinion, suggestion and recommendation to prepare an effective & efficient draft of 'Road-map'.



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