



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

*E-Newsletter of National Tobacco Control Cell (NTCC) for the month of November '2018  
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### ➤ *Supervisory Visit in Barisal, Jhalakathi & Sylhet:*

Supervisory visit was conducted in Barisal, Jhalakathi & Sylhet 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 Divisional Commissioner of Barisal & Sylhet division; Deputy Commissioner and Civil Surgeon of Barisal, Jhalakathi & Sylhet district. 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 Barisal & Sylhet:*

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, Barisal & Sylhet and Tobacco Control and Research Cell (TCRC), DIU. These workshops were held at Divisional Commissioner's office, Barisal & Sylhet respectively on 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Barrister Shameem Haider Patwary MP, Divisional Commissioner of Barisal and Sylhet, Coordinator of National Tobacco Control Cell and all additional district magistrates and Civil Surgeon's of the respective division were present in the workshops. Through the Divisional Commissioner of Barisal & Sylhet; coordinator of NTCC cordially

requested all additional district magistrates and Civil Surgeon's of Barisal & Sylhet 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) was organized by National Tobacco Control Cell and World Health Organization (WHO) on 7-8<sup>th</sup>, 11-12<sup>th</sup> & 18-19<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Md. Habibur Rahman Khan, Additional Secretary (Public Health and World Health), Health Services Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare spoke as chief guest in these workshops. Coordinator NTCC; Md. Shafiqul Islam, Head of programs, Vital Strategies; Muhammad Ruhul Quddus, Ex-Additional Secretary, MoHFW, Md. Hafizur Rahman Chowdhury, Deputy Secretary (WH-2), Syed Mahbulul Alam, Technical Advisor, The Union were also present and moderated different sessions in these workshops.



➤ **Workshop on tobacco taxation:**

National Tobacco Control Cell (NTCC) co-organized training on 'Economics of Tobacco and Tobacco Taxation: Public Health Perspectives (2<sup>nd</sup> batch)' with Bureau of Economic Research (BER), Dhaka University from 13-15<sup>th</sup> November 2018. A total of 10 government officials from different ministries, five representatives from civil society organizations, two representatives from media and two students participated in the training. Md. Habibur Rahman Khan, Additional Secretary (PH & WH), Health Services Division, MoHFW was present in the inaugural session.



➤ **Consultative workshop on tobacco control research:**

On 20 November 2018, National Tobacco Control Cell, Bangladesh Center for Communication Program (BCCP) in collaboration with Institute of Global Tobacco Control (IGTC), Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHSPH) and Bangladesh Tobacco Control Research Network (BTCRN) jointly organized a Consultative Workshop on Identify Future Tobacco Control Research Needs in Bangladesh at BMA Bhabon, Dhaka.





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

A meeting was organized by NTCC to prepare a 'Road-Map' to make the Country tobacco free by 2040; which was held on 20<sup>th</sup> November'18 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.



➤ **Official visit of The Union financial administrator:**

The Union financial administrator Asha Tandon visited NTCC on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018. She visited NTCC's office and discussed on different financial issue regarding the ongoing project. Coordinator and all program officers of NTCC warmly received her and had a meeting with her on various issues.



➤ **Coordination Meeting of NTCC:**

On 29.11.2018, Coordination meeting of NTCC with different anti-tobacco organizations (INGOs, NGOs) was held at the conference room of Health Economics Unit. Mr. Md. Habibur Rahman Khan, Additional Secretary (world health & public health), Health Services Division was the honorable Chairperson of this meeting. Md. Khalilur Rahman, Joint Secretary and Coordinator, National Tobacco Control Cell was also present as moderator. Member from other government, international and non-government organizations were also present at the meeting and they present their works they have done in the month of September - October regarding tobacco control and also presented their future work plan for the rest of year 2018.



➤ **Approval of guideline:**

'Tobacco Free Health Care Facilities Implementation Guidelines' was approved by Health Services Division, MoHFW.

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