

# Induction Training for Project Partners and Staff on Tobacco Control



## REPORT



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## Introduction

The states of Odisha, Telangana, Puducherry, and Meghalaya are in the initial stages of implementing National Tobacco Control Programme, WHO MPOWER policies and other tobacco control measures. In this context, a project entitled “Advancing tobacco control at national and sub-national level through Capacity building, MPOWER implementation, and support to National Tobacco Control Programme(NTCP)” has been sanctioned to School of Public Health, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) Chandigarh by International Union against TB and Lung Diseases (The Union) under Bloomberg Initiative (BI) grant. The project aims to assist these states in establishing an institutional framework for tobacco control in selected districts; building capacity of different stakeholders on technical and operational aspects of tobacco control and National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP); effective implementation of tobacco control policies under tobacco control legislation named Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA); establishment of effective tobacco control coalitions and networks; and developing and implementing an effective monitoring and evaluation plan for proposed project objectives and activities. Further, to ensure sustainability of efforts, the project will support drafting and adoption of FCTC Article 5.3 guidelines in these states to strengthen bottom-up approach for enacting a national policy in collaboration with other stakeholders in the country. The project shall be carried in different states with the help of our state partners namely a) Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER), Puducherry b) North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health & Medical Sciences, (NEIGRIHMS), Shillong c) All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Bhubaneswar, d) Indian Institute of Public Health-Hyderabad.

## Objective of the Training

Three day induction training for project partners and staff on tobacco control was held at School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh. The purpose of training is to orient them about the project; train them on various tobacco control aspects including global (Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, MPOWER) and national (National Tobacco Control Program, Cigarettes and Other tobacco products Act and related Acts) policies and legislations and emerging challenges in tobacco control; and assist them in preparing project implementation plans pertaining to their states.



## Training Duration and Venue

The duration of the training was three days from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018. It was held in School of Public Health (SPH), Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Sector 12, Chandigarh.

# Training methodology

## Lecture (Power Point Presentation)



## Case Study



## Field Visit



## Group Presentation



# Training Participants and Resource Persons

## Participants

Sr. No	Name and Designation	Organisation
1	Dr. Star Pala, Associate Professor, Department of Community Medicine	North Eastern India Gandhi Regional Institute of Health & Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS), Shillong, Meghalaya
2	Dr. Binod Patro, Additional Professor, Department of Community and Family Medicine	All India Institute of Medical Sciences(AIIMS), Bhubaneswar, Odisha
3	Mr. Rajeev Kumar, Project Coordinator	School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh
4	Dr.S.M.Subhani, State Program Officer – Telanagana & Puducherry	School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh
5	Dr. Bishwaranjan Purohit, State Program Officer – Odisha	School of Public Health PGIMER, Chandigarh
6	Mr. Lalsanglien, State Program Officer – Meghalaya	School of Public Health PGIMER, Chandigarh
7	Mr. Munish Dhingra, Finance & Admin Assistant	School of Public Health PGIMER, Chandigarh
8	Dr. Garima Bhatt, PhD Scholar	School of Public Health PGIMER, Chandigarh
9	Dr. Kumar Pushkar, PhD Scholar	School of Public Health PGIMER, Chandigarh
10	Mr. Jeevandeep Singh, Divisional Coordinator	Generation Savior Association (GSA), Mohali
11	Mr. Raman Sharma, Divisional Coordinator	Generation Savior Association (GSA), Mohali

## Resource Persons

Sr. No	Name and Designation	Organisation
1	Dr. Rana J Singh, Dy. Regional Director- NCD and Tobacco Control	The Union, New Delhi
2	Dr. Sonu Goel, Additional Professor of Health Management	School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh
3	Dr. Rita Bhardwaj, Civil Surgeon, Mohali	District Mohali, Govt. of Punjab
4	Dr Rakesh Gupta, CCE/ Deputy Director	Govt. of Punjab
5	Dr. Areet Kaur, State Nodal Officer-NTCP, Punjab	Govt. of Punjab
6.	Ms. Opinder Preet Kaur, President	Generation Savior Association, Mohali
7.	Dr Gurman Sekhon, Consultant-NTCP, Punjab	Govt. of Punjab



# Program Schedule



Induction Training for Project Partners & Staff on Tobacco Control  
***Dated: 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018, Venue: School of Public Health, PGIMER Chandigarh***

**Advancing tobacco control at national and sub-national level through Capacity building, MPOWER implementation, and support to National Tobacco Control Programme(NTCP)**  
**Day – 1, Tuesday (19<sup>th</sup> June 2018)**

Time	Session	Facilitator
09.00 – 9.30 am	Registration	Project Partner and Staff
9.30 - 10.00 am	Welcome address and Introduction	<b>Dr Sonu Goel</b> , Additional Professor, School of Public Health, PGIMER
10.00 – 10.30 am	Introduction to BI Project (INDIA 22-20)	<b>Dr Sonu Goel</b> , Additional Professor, School of Public Health, PGIMER <b>Mr. Rajeev Choudhary</b> , Project Coordinator
10.30 – 11.00 am	Epidemiology of Tobacco Use – Global and India	<b>Dr Sonu Goel</b> , Additional Professor, School of Public Health, PGIMER
11.00 – 11.15 am	<b>TEA</b>	
11.15 – 11.35 am	Global Policy and Legislation in tobacco control (FCTC, MPOWER)	<b>Dr. Rana J Singh</b> Dy.Regional Director (Tobacco and NCD Control) The Union, New Delhi
11.35 – 12.15 pm	Initiatives taken by Health department for tobacco control in Mohali, Punjab	<b>Dr. Rita Bhardwaj</b> , Civil Surgeon, Mohali, Punjab
12.15 – 1.00 pm	Overview of National Tobacco Control Program (NTCP) in India	<b>Dr. Rana J Singh</b> Dy.Regional Director (Tobacco and NCD Control) The Union, New Delhi
1.00 – 2.00 pm	<b>LUNCH</b>	
2.00- 2.45 pm	Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Product Act. (COTPA Act, 2003)	<b>Ms. Opinder Preet Kaur</b> , President, GSA Mohali <b>Mr. Vinay Gandhi</b> , SPM, GSA, Mohali
2.45- 3.30 pm	Monitoring various section of COTPA especially Section 4 and 5	<b>Ms. Opinder Preet Kaur</b> , President, GSA Mohali <b>Mr. Vinay Gandhi</b> , SPM, GSA, Mohali
3.30 – 4.00 pm	Role of Key Stakeholders in Tobacco Control	<b>Dr Rakesh Gupta</b> , Deputy Director, Govt of Punjab
4.00 – 5.30 pm	Monitoring various section of COTPA using survey tools (Field Exercise)	Project Staff and Partners

**Day – 2, Wednesday (20<sup>th</sup> June 2018)**

Time	Session	Facilitator
09.00 – 10.15 am	Presentation of Field Visit	Project Staff and Partners
10.15 –11.00 am	Miscellaneous Acts related to Tobacco Control	<b>Dr Rakesh Gupta</b> , Deputy Director, Govt of Punjab
11.00 – 11.15 am	<b>TEA</b>	
11.15 – 12.00 am	Overview of FCTC Article 5.3	<b>Dr Rakesh Gupta</b> , Deputy Director, Govt of Punjab
12.00 -1.00 am	Step Towards Smoke free Punjab : A Success Story	<b>Dr. Areet Kaur</b> , State Nodal Officer, NTCP, Punjab & <b>Dr Gurman Sekhon</b> , Consultant, NTCP, Punjab.
1.00 – 2.00 pm	<b>LUNCH</b>	
2.00 – 3.00 pm	Finalization of Instruments/ Tools under the project (COTPA and MPOWER)	All Resource person, Project Partners and project staff.
3.00-4.00 pm	Smokeless tobacco- status and challenges	<b>Dr Rakesh Gupta</b> , Deputy Director, Govt of Punjab
4.00- 5.00 pm	Emerging challenges in tobacco control (loose cigarettes, CSR, Hookah ban, e-cigarettes and HNB etc.)	<b>Dr. Rana J Singh</b> Dy.Regional Director (Tobacco and NCD Control) The Union, New Delhi

**Day – 3, Thursday (21<sup>st</sup> June 2018)**

Time	Session	Facilitator
09.00 – 9.45 am	Discussion of Project Implementation plan	<b>Dr. Rana J Singh</b> Dy.Regional Director (Tobacco and NCD Control) The Union
9.45-11.00 am	Presentation of Project work plan (State wise) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Odisha</li> <li>• Meghalaya</li> <li>• Telangana</li> <li>• Puducherry</li> </ul>	Project Partners and project staff
11.00 – 11.15 am	<b>TEA</b>	
11.15 – 11.45	Development of National Resource centre for Tobacco Control in India	<b>Mr. Rajeev Choudhary</b> , Project Coordinator
11.45 –12.15	Recording and reporting guidelines and formats	<b>Mr. Rajeev Choudhary</b> , Project Coordinator
12.15 -1.00 pm	Financial Reporting and Guidelines	Financial Advisor, PGIMER and Mr. Munish Dhingra, Admin. & Account Assistant
1.00 – 2.00 pm	<b>LUNCH</b>	
2.00 –4.00 pm	Open discussion / Vote of Thanks	Project Partners and project staff.

# Program Proceedings

## Day 1 (19th June 2018, Tuesday)

### Registration (9.00am – 9.30 am)

Participants were registered on the registration desk by the organisers and the material related to the training (training kit) was distributed among all the registered participants.

### Welcome address (9.30am - 10.00 am)

The participants were welcomed to the training programme by Dr Sonu Goel, Additional Professor at School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh. This was followed a formal introduction of the participants to the other fellow participants.

### Introduction to BI Project (INDIA 22-20)–Dr Sonu Goel (10.00– 10. 30 am)

Dr. Sonu Goel, Additional Professor at School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh gave an overview of the BI Project - INDIA 22-20. He briefed the participants about the project its aims, objectives and the plan of action under the project. He told that the project aims to strengthen policy and institutional framework of National Tobacco Control Program in four states of India namely Odisha, Telangana, Meghalaya and Puducherry. He reiterated that capacity building, implementation and monitoring of MPOWER, enactment of FCTC Article 5.3 policy and extending support to National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) are major pillars in achieving the desired project goals



of the project. He further detailed the participants about the performance indicators of each activity under the project under three different sub-headings namely process, output and outcome indicators.

Towards the end, Dr Goel sighted the example of evolution of tobacco control programme in Punjab since 2010 to the present stage, which involved all the activities being undertaken in the current project.

### **Epidemiology of Tobacco Use - Global and India- Dr Sonu Goel (10.30 – 11.00 am)**

Dr.Sonu Goel, Additional Professor, School of Public Health, PGIMER presented a snap shot of the prevalence of tobacco use (both smoke and smokeless) and the nature of tobacco products used across the globe and in India. He presented the above data taking reference from sources like GATS - I and II, GYTS, NFHS and DLHS. The focus of his presentation was to specifically highlight the tobacco use patterns and proportions in the four states under the project. He further discussed the implications of tobacco use stressing mainly on the ill effects of tobacco on health. Other implications of tobacco use like environmental, socio-economic and occupational implications were also discussed in detail. He presented his point via various pictorial examples. The need of epidemiological data for formulation and implementation of national policies was also talked about in the presentation.



### **Tea break (11.00 – 11.15 am)**

The morning session was followed by a short tea break.

### **Global Policy and Legislation in Tobacco Control (FCTC, MPOWER) - Dr. Rana J Singh.(11.15 – 11.35 am)**

Dr. Rana J Singh, Regional Director, (Tobacco and NCD Control), The Union, New Delhi gave an overview of the FCTC article 5.3 and vendor licensing. He started his presentation by briefing the participants about what comprises tobacco industry and the need of its monitoring. He discussed various ways in which tobacco industry dilute the tobacco control activities mentioning a few like delaying the legislations, creating confusions and the misuse of money to lure the implementers. The various goodwill winning strategies adopted by the tobacco industry were also highlighted sighting examples from the various awards given to the tobacco industry representatives. After discussing the

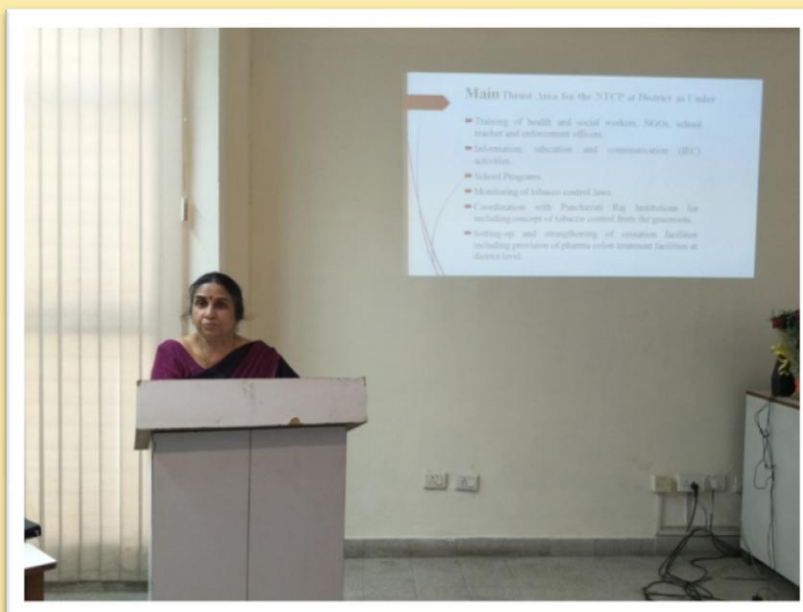


clever tact's of tobacco industry to influence policy, Dr Rana discussed the tobacco control strategies adopted in the state of Bihar to tackle the tobacco industry. In the second part of his presentation he stressed upon the licensing of tobacco industry and the steps being taken at the state and central level to introduce licensing. At the end he talked about the different strategies that could be followed for proper implementation of the tobacco control activities emphasizing specifically on the need to set time specific goals.



### **Initiatives taken by Health Department for Tobacco Control in Mohali, Punjab- Dr. Rita Bharadwaj (11.35 – 12.15 pm)**

Dr. Rita Bhardwaj, Civil Surgeon, Mohali, Punjab, oriented the participants about the working and structure of NTCP in the state of Punjab. She shared various interventions made in the field of tobacco control in Mohali. She told that better implementation of tobacco control activities in her district was a result of proper coordination between the key departments backed by adequate capacity building of stakeholder and provision of proper educative and IEC materials. She further told that integration of tobacco control activities with other programs like school health programme under RBSK yojna (i.e taking written undertakings from schools, planning and scheduling educative sessions etc), setting up of tobacco cessation centres / de-addiction centres and timely enforcement of tobacco control squads has improved tobacco control activities. In her presentation she also talked about the various trainings and district level advocacy workshops conducted by the state.



## **Overview of National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) in India- Dr. Rana J Singh (12.15-1.00pm)**

Dr. Rana J Singh, Regional Director (NCD and Tobacco Control), The Union, New Delhi delivered a detailed session on NTCP. He explained the history, goals, structure and functioning of NTCP and discussed its significance in tobacco control activities nationwide. He further, gave an insight into the status of tobacco control activities undertaken in India at the central and sub-central levels. The functions and activities undertaken by the district level tobacco control cells under the NTCP were also described by him. In his session Dr. Rana explained how NTCP has been a very comprehensive programme and also enlisted the various bottlenecks in the programme. He very proficiently illustrated the different steps taken under NTCP to eliminate the prevalence of tobacco use. For better understanding of the participants he played various popular videos on tobacco control aired at central and state levels. He stressed on the fact that multi-stakeholder engagement is essential for the mitigation of various problems and is also essential for programme progress. He also highlighted on the learnings and feedbacks on tobacco control activities in the 11th national five year plan and the major changes made in the strategy. In the end he gave a bird eye view of the tobacco control measures purposed in the 12<sup>th</sup> five year plan.



### **Lunch break (1.00 – 2.00 pm)**

The first half of the day was followed by lunch.

## **Cigarettes and other Tobacco Product Act (COTPA Act, 2003) - Ms.**

### **Opinder Preet Kaur (2.00 to 2.45 pm)**

Ms. Opinder Preet Kaur, President, GSA, Mohali oriented the participants about the various provisions of COTPA - Article 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. She explained in detail about all the sections of the Act by discussing various specifications like the actual dimensions of “No Smoking signage” etc. The various legal actions and penalties that could be imposed in case of violation of the Act were also deliberated. She further briefed the participants about the violations of Act by sighting example from the indirect advertisement signboards being promoted by the tobacco industry.

## **Monitoring various section of COTPA (Section 4 and 5) - Ms. Opinder**

### **Preet Kaur (2.45- 3.30 pm)**

Ms.Opinder Preet Kaur, President, GSA, Mohali briefed the participants about the monitoring of various sections of COTPA. She detailed about the challaning procedures and also mentioned about the check lists to be followed to verify proper implementation of the Act. She also addressed the confusions related to advertisements by explaining the details of the displays and the advertisement board.



### **Role of key stakeholders in Tobacco Control- Dr. Rakesh Gupta (3.30 – 4.00 pm)**

Dr. Rakesh Gupta, Deputy Director, Govt. of Punjab explained the role of different stakeholder departments in tobacco control activities. He briefed the participants about the role of various departments like police department, education department, taxation department, law departments and others like rural development department, railways etc. in tobacco control activities. He validated his points by presenting newspaper clippings and other data highlighting the role of various departments. Further he shared the success story of banning of e-cigarette in Punjab under his guidance.

### **Field visit (4.00-5.30pm)**

The participants were taken to a market place in district Mohali to observe the compliance to various sections of COTPA. They have been prior acquainted with the survey tools to monitor different sections. All the participants were paired and were accompanied by the facilitators. During the visit the participants were given an insight into how and on what grounds challaning of tobacco





vendors is being done. To further assist the participants in recording the violations, checklist pertaining to various sections of COTPA accompanied with hands-on demonstration by the enforcement squad was given. The visit was widely covered by the local media.



## **Day –2 (20<sup>th</sup> June2018, Wednesday)**

### **Reflections from previous day (09.00 – 10.15 am)**

The day started with a warm welcome to the participants and also the recapitulation of the previous day sessions facilitated by Dr. Sonu Goel. This was followed by presentation of the field visit findings related to various sections of COTPA by the participants.

### **Miscellaneous Acts related to Tobacco Control -Dr. Rakesh Gupta (10.15 –11.00 am)**

Dr. Rakesh Gupta, Deputy Director, Govt. Of Punjab, explained the various Acts related to tobacco control. He detailed about all the acts i.e. COTPA-2003; Food safety and Standards Act, 2006;The Poisons Act, 1919; Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the various punishments enlisted under them in case of violation. He further enlisted the various notifications pertaining to tobacco control like notification regarding the ban on flavoured/scented chewable tobacco. In his presentation he explained about dichotomy of policies sighting examples from topics like compoundable and non-compoundable offences,





consumption of Hookah Bars and its punishments etc. He also spoke about the new tobacco use trends like emergence of e-cigarette, Heat Not Burn Products (HNBP) etc.

### **Tea break (11.00 – 11.15 am)**

The morning session was followed by a short tea break.

### **Overview on FCTC Article 5.3 / Smokeless tobacco – status and challenges- Dr. Rakesh Gupta (11.15 – 12.00 am)**

Dr. Rakesh Gupta Deputy Director, Govt. of Punjab illustrated the policy highlights under FCTC Article 5.3. He talked about the various parts of the article and discussed in detail about tobacco industry interference (TII). The significance of the article and the different ways and means by which the tobacco industry violate the article was discussed by him in sufficient details. He also gave an insight into the various tacts and tantrums followed by the industry to fulfil their business desires by sighting example from various agitation drives initiated by the tobacco industry, lobbying of tobacco producers against tobacco control litigations etc.

### **Punjab Step towards smoke free Punjab: A success story- Dr Areet Kaur (12.00 -1.00 am)**

Dr.Areet Kaur, State Nodal Officer, NTCP, Govt. of Punjab highlighted the success story and good work done by Punjab Government towards archiving smoke free status. She started with epidemiology of tobacco use in Punjab, followed by measures taken by Punjab state government to control tobacco use. She listed the main tobacco control activities undertaken by the state naming a few like: ensuring proper institutional arrangements; strengthening of interdepartmental coordination; ground work at all settings; utilising earned media and strengthening support backed by passionate NGOs. She then informed the participants about the various new initiatives purposed by the Punjab government in context of tobacco control.



### **Lunch break (1.00 pm – 2.00 pm)**

The first half of the day was followed by lunch.

## **Finalization of Instruments/ Tools under the project (COTPA and MPOWER) (2.00 pm – 3.00 pm)**

Post lunch session started with discussion over the tools and checklists to be used under the project. The project coordinator presented the detailed checklists pertaining to various objectives of the project naming a few like the tools developed for assessment of: tobacco industry interference, COTPA compliance, institutional set up, MPOWER and public opinions. Hindi translations of the same were also discussed. Inputs from project partners as well as the project staff were taken.

## **Smokeless tobacco- status and challenges -Dr Rakesh Gupta (3.00-4.00 pm)**

Dr Rakesh Gupta, Deputy Director, Govt of Punjab, gave an overview of the smokeless tobacco (SLT) use in India and Punjab. He highlighted upon the ill effects of SLT on health. He continued his presentation by discussing some acts and notifications issued pertaining to SLT and further discussed the challenges faced while implementation. Examples from the field were sighted by him to explain the challenges faced like the Patiala case etc. He also listed the frequent issues that arise in implementation of Acts and discussed them in detail by explaining what was done in such situations.

## **Emerging challenges in tobacco control- Dr. Rana J Singh (4.00- 4.45 pm)**

Dr. Rana J Singh, Regional Director (NCD and Tobacco Control), The Union, New Delhi gave an insight into the various challenges faced by the tobacco control teams, activists and other stakeholders in proper implementation of tobacco control programmes. He detailed the participants about how availability / easy access of tobacco product was a major challenge in tobacco control. In his presentation



he further talked about the increasing use of e-cigarettes, emergence of Heat Not Burn Products (HNBP), Hookah Bars and rampant sale of single or loose cigarette and other tobacco products. He explained tobacco industry interference and the various tactics the industry uses to violate the acts. He further added on to how new

tobacco products are being glamorised to attract the youth. He also shared a short piece of information about India chairing the forthcoming convention on tobacco control in October, 2018.

### **Summarization of sessions taken on Day-II - Dr. Sonu Goel (4.45-5.00 pm)**

Dr. Sonu Goel summarised the sessions taken up on Day – II by give a brief summary of the various topics presented on the day. He ended his address with an inspiring end note – “Collaborations, Coordination, and Deliberations are pre-requisite for strengthening of NTCP.”

### **Day – 3 (21<sup>st</sup> June, 2018 Thursday)**

#### **Reflections from previous day (09.00 – 10.15 am)**

The day started with a warm welcome to the participants and also the recapitulation of the previous day sessions facilitated by Dr. Sonu Goel.

#### **Discussion on Project Implementation Plan- Dr. Rana J Singh (09.00 – 9.45 am)**

Dr. Rana J Singh started the first session with a discussion on plan of action proposed for the project. A road map for future course of deliverables was discussed. Further the responsibilities of the various state partners and participants were finalised. A guided chart detailing the various deadlines and to-do checklists were discussed. The participants were given an over view of how, when and what is to be done pertaining to the different objectives listed in the project. The various activities to be undertaken in the project like; creating an environment for conducive politico-administrative set up for the programme; enforcing legislation; promoting better collaboration and networking with concerned departments and stakeholders; strengthening public education; policy focused research and monitoring & evaluation were discussed. Also an idea of developing a Webinar (Citing the Webinar of ICMR) related to the project was tabled for open discussion.

#### **Presentations from the State partners (9.45-11.00 am)**

The respective state representatives presented the activities undertaken by them so far since the inception of project and the plan of action for next six months under the proposed project framework.

#### **Tea break (11.00 – 11.15 am)**

The morning session was followed by a short tea break.



## **Development of National Resource Centre for Tobacco Control in India- Dr. Rana J Singh, Dr.Sonu Goel and Mr. Rajeev Choudhary (11.15 – 11.45 am)**

Dr Goel briefed the participants about setting up of national resource centre for tobacco control at PGIMER, Chandigarh under the project. The resource centre is meant for arranging the data pertaining to tobacco control through various sources including national and state specific websites, manual collection of data available at national and sub-national level, journals and publications, other agencies or organisations involved in tobacco control etc. The content and design of the web-site for the project was discussed and suggestions from all about putting different features on the proposed web-site were obtained.



## **Reporting, reporting guidelines and formats under the project-Mr. Rajeev Choudhary and Mr. Munish Dhingra (11.45 –1.00 pm)**

Mr. Rajeev Choudhary, Project Coordinator discussed the details of the various formats of different administrative and financial reports to be submitted by the project partners pertaining to the project. The reporting formats included quarterly and monthly reporting formats, advance trip report, actual monthly travel report, the monthly attendance report and other reports (like media reports, photographs, circulars / notification or any order related to tobacco control).

Mr. Munish Dhingra, Admin and Finance Assistant under the project discussed about the requirements regarding release of salary of project staff. The participants were also informed about the pattern to be followed for reimbursement of expenses made in relation to the project. They were also brief about the attendance and leave format. He also detailed the participants about the various beforehand formalities like submission of monthly advance tour plan, reporting format, travel claim format, and individual tour plan etc to be completed to avail travel allowance. Some of the queries of project partners/ staff were communicated subsequently in the group mail after clarifications from accounts department of PGIMER, Chandigarh.

## **LUNCH BREAK (1.00- 2.00 pm)**

The first half of the day was followed by lunch.



## Open Discussion (2.00- 3.00 pm)

Post lunch, an open discussion on various topics related to the project was conducted. During this discussion Dr. Goel suggested submitting all reports by 26<sup>th</sup> of every month so that they could be consolidated in time. Thereafter, there were suggestions upon the operational research questions which can be done as a part of the project. Some of them included-

- Assessment of tobacco vendor's knowledge and compliance to various sections of national tobacco control legislation (COTPA) among four states in Indian sub continent.
- Impact of Goods and Service Tax (GST) on sale of various smoked and smokeless tobacco products across four states of India.
- A cross sectional study to assess the sale of loose cigarette and compliance to section 7 of national tobacco control legislation of India.
- E- cigarette sale and consumption pattern among the young smokers across four states of India.
- Documenting steps and evolving best practices towards a Tobacco Free state in north - eastern jurisdiction of India.
- Assessment of availability and accessibility of tobacco cessation services by tobacco users in four states of India.
- Assessment of tobacco industry interference in effective implementation of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 among four states of Indian sub continent.

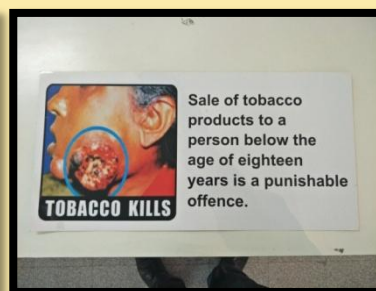
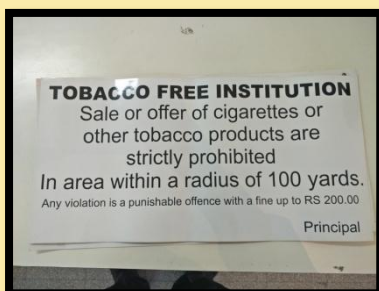
## Certificate distribution

Certificate of participation were distributed to all participants from the four states by Dr. Rana J Singh and Dr.Sonu Goel.





**The training programme formally ended by votes of thanks by Dr.Sonu Goel**

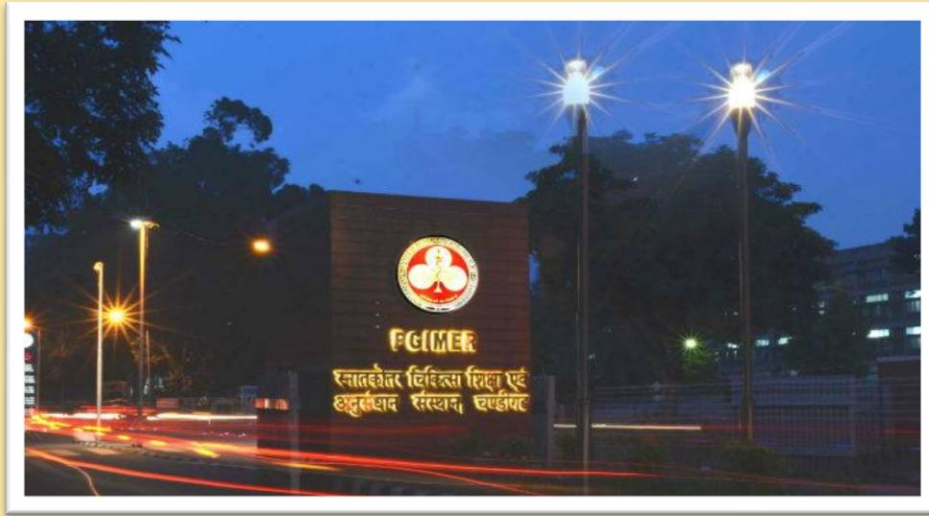


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# About us

## Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh



### Who We Are

The Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) is based in Chandigarh (city beautiful in North India) and was established in 1962 by then Prime Minister of India, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru. It was declared as an “Institute of National Importance” by an Act of Parliament of India on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1967 and is currently an autonomous body functioning directly under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. PGIMER has almost all specialties and super specialties departments. The Department of Community Medicine was instituted in 1977 with the purpose of developing effective models health service delivery for rural communities and for providing community health orientation to public health professionals. To address emerging challenges in public health education and research, the Department of Community Medicine was upgraded to School of Public Health (SPH) in the Tenth Five Year Plan of India (2002-06).

### What We Do

School of Public Health conduct post-graduate teaching programmes and short-term training courses on various public health issues. Besides, we are also involved in several research projects in collaboration with national and international organizations (like DBT, ICMR, WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, DFID, MOH&FW, and MOE&F etc.) and state governments. We also provide consultancy services to state and central health services on public health matters and national programs/projects. Each year nearly 45 training programs are conducted with an average attendance of 30 participants per course. We also deliver population based health services to approximately 80,000 populations in rural, urban and slum communities of Haryana, Punjab and Chandigarh. SPH has developed various public for health models which have been successfully scaled and replicated across country.

### What We Offer

SPH offers regular Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Doctor in Medicine (MD), Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health Management (PGDPHM), and Masters of Public Health (MPH) along with various short-term courses in areas of epidemiology, health management, health promotion, communicable and non-communicable diseases.