



State Level Workshop for 'Tobacco Free Rajasthan'

Why in the news?

On March 2, 2022, under the chairmanship of Dr. **Jitendra Kumar Soni**, Director of the **National Health Mission**, a state-level workshop was organized at the **State Institute of Health Family Welfare** for making '**Tobacco Free Rajasthan**' and implementing a 100-day action plan.

key points

- While directing all the districts, the Mission Director said that a meeting should be organized under the chairmanship of the District Collector in all the districts regarding the **Tobacco Free Rajasthan-100 Day Action Plan** and ensure that the targets set by fixing department-wise responsibilities should be ensured.
- He said that for action under the **COTPA Act** from the level of the Police Department, a meeting with the District Superintendent of Police should be organized and discussion should be held in the monthly crime review meeting.
- Pledge letters should be filled by people who quit tobacco. Resolutions regarding tobacco control should be passed by all the districts in the meetings of **Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti and Zilla Parishad**, so that the campaign can get momentum and effective implementation can be done till the village level.
- The Mission Director said that on April 30, 2022, action will be taken against the violations found under the **COTPA Act** in all the districts of the state up to the level of Gram Panchayat.
- Competitions will be organized for the school students on the topic of tobacco control at village level, block level and district level in all the districts. Similarly, slogan writing and other awareness activities should be organized through village level health, sanitation and nutrition committees and women health committees in urban areas.
- In the workshop, presentation of an action plan to make 46 gram panchayats of Nawalgarh block of Jhunjhunu district tobacco free gram panchayat was also given by Jhunjhunu District Tobacco Control Cell.