



## Rajasthan Excellence Received 'Tobacco Control Award' at National Level

### Why In News?

Rajasthan was honored with the 'Tobacco Control Excellence Award' at the national level for its excellent work towards tobacco control and prevention in a program organized by the Union Health Ministry in Delhi on October 20, 2023.

### Key Points:

- Additional Chief Secretary Medical and Health Shubhra Singh said that Additional Secretary Hekali Jimomi and Additional DDG Dr. L. Swasthicharan in the Union Health Ministry have given tobacco control excellence award to Rajasthan for innovations in the field of tobacco control and excellent implementation of COTPA Act.
- State Nodal Officer, NTCP Dr. SN Dholpuria and Additional SPO Shri Narendra Singh received this award.
- Participation of youth has been ensured through Tobacco Free Youth Campaign in the state. Under this, a 60-day tobacco-free Rajasthan action plan was implemented and various activities including awareness programs, oath taking were conducted.
- It is noteworthy that Rajasthan has topped in all the activities of Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 2023. In the Tobacco Free Youth Campaign-2023, maximum challans were issued in Rajasthan under Section 4 and Section 6 of the COTPA Act. Similarly, under the campaign, Rajasthan has also topped in IEC activities, tobacco free villages, tobacco free educational campuses etc.

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