

Minutes of Meeting

Objective : State Consultation Meeting on National survey for extent and pattern of substance use in India

Date:
23.09.2017

**Location: Government Bone & Joint Hospital Auditorium ,
Barzulla Srinagar**

Start Time: 11 : 00 A.M

Stop Time 01 : 00 P.M

Meeting Hours : 2 hrs

A meeting was conducted under the chairpersonship of Mrs. Lotika Khajuria - Worthy Controller Drug & Food Control Organization J&K Jammu to discuss the various agenda points with regard to National survey for extent and pattern of substance use in India.

Following officers / officials attended the meeting.

S. No	Name of the Participant	Designation
1	Mr. Rakesh	JKSPYM
2	Ms. Pallavi Singh	JKSPYM
3	Mr. Ashish Bali	JKSPYM
4	Dr. Abdul Majid	Department of Psychiatry SKIMS Beminar
5	Mir Rasheed	J&K police
6	Sandeep Bhat	J&K police
7	Vijay Kumar Bhagat	J&K police
8	Dr. Mehmooda Kar	Health
9	Dr. Imtiyar	Health
10	Dr. Jameel	Health
11	Dr. Adil	Health
12	Narinder Kour	Social Welfare
13	Nazir Ahmad Motra	Directorate of School Education
14	Prof. Arshad Hussian	Department of Psychiatry
15	Dr. Mehboob	Health
16	Mir Khursheed Ahmad	Social Activist

At the onset , worthy chair welcomed all the participants & expressed pleasure for healthy participation of all the invitees.

After the welcome address , the chairperson highlighted the importance of National Survey on substance use in India in the context of growing menace of substance abuse & its fall out especially among adolescent population. All the participants were sensitized about the importance of present survey.

The chair also expressed that such survey is a challenge & every stakeholder must join hands to make it possible. Lack of availability of data w.r.t Drug Dependence can pose a challenge while working out a common strategy.

Dr. Arshad Hussain shared his experience with regard to outcome & problems faced during the previously conducted surveys by other agencies in Kashmir. He shared his experience & suggested a road map to execute the objective. He stressed upon the need to involve fair gender in the exercise & also obtain a better insight about changing trends and patterns of substance use, shift of introductory drugs from tobacco / cigarettes to solvents among the youth.

Dr. Abdul Majid gave a brief presentation with regard to the methodology & tools to be used for collection of data in the survey. He also discussed trends of substance use in the Country & highlighted the issue of absence of in-depth National Level Data for Substance use.

After the discussions , deliberations & presentation , open discussion session was conducted to get suggestions & in field experiences of the participants. Further , State Co-ordinator JKSPYM requested concerned Departments to provide the below detailed gross root support for smooth conduct of the survey to achieve the goal mandated by the Principal Agency.

1. **District Administration**

- Suitable Date for Advocacy meeting.
- Census map of the concerned districts.

2. **Directorate of Social Welfare (Jammu and Kashmir)**

- Support from Anganwadi workers.

3. **Directorate of Health Services (Jammu and Kashmir)**

- Support from Asha workers at Ground level.

4. **J&K State Aids Control Society**

- IDU TI support of the concerned districts and OST centres support.

5. **Police Department**

- Required support for the interviewers and field staff's safety.
- Ground Level situation of the concerned Survey district regarding security.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Project Director JKSPYM.

(Lotika khajuria)
Controller - Drug & Food Control Organization/
Nodal Officer National Survey.