

Short Report for the Months of January 2014

Activities taken up during the month of January 2014 are highlighted below-

Sl.No	Name of Activity	No. of Participants
1.	Anti Tobacco Training Programme was conducted amongst Volunteers of Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) at I&PR Conference Hall on 8 th January 2014	85
2.	In collaboration with Mizoram State Tobacco Control Society (MSTCS) and NYK, an Anti Tobacco Training Programme was conducted at District Youth Convention, Kolasib on 10 th January 2014	154
3.	Recording of Talk Show was arranged on “Tobacco Cessation”. Members of “Tobacco Quitters of Mizoram” recorded Talk Show for Healthy India Programme, Doordarshan Kendra which was telecasted on 13 th January 2014	4
4.	Anti Tobacco Programmes were held for 2 batches of students of Mary Mount School on 15 th January 2014	950
5.	In collaboration with MSTCS and NYK, an Anti Tobacco Training Programme was conducted at District Youth Convention, Champhai on 15 th January 2014	130
6.	Lunglei District Anti Tobacco Cell Meeting was held on 15 th January 2014 under the Chairmanship of Chief Medical Officer, Lunglei District	6
7.	Lunglei District Anti Tobacco Squad Meeting was held on 17 th January 2014 under the Chairmanship of District Collector	10
8.	In collaboration with MSTCS, NTCP (Lunglei District) and MZP (Sub Headquarters, Hnahthial) Anti Tobacco Programme was conducted for 5 Schools in Hnahthial Town, Lunglei District on 21 st January 2014	390
9.	In Collaboration with MSTCS and NTCP (Lunglei District) Training of Youth Leaders for Different Church Denominations was conducted in Hnahthial Town, Lunglei District on 22 nd January 2014	47
10.	In collaboration with MSTCS, NTCP (Lunglei District) and MZP (Sub Headquarters, Hnahthial) Anti Tobacco Programme was conducted for 4 Schools in Hnahthial Town, Lunglei District on 23 rd January 2014	210
11.	Meeting was held with Director, Trade and Commerce regarding Removal of Tobacco Products from Trade Items on 23 rd January 2014	
12	Follow up meetings were held with officials of Mizoram State Pollution Control Board regarding closure of Tuibur Factories on 8 th & 23 rd January 2014	
12.	Anti Tobacco Programme was conducted for 2 Schools in Thiltlang Village on 24 th	110

	January 2014	
13.	Meeting was held with Mr.Vincent Lalrokima, Designated Magistrate for the Court Cases related to COTPA on 24 th January 2014 regarding disposal of seized tobacco products.	
14.	Meeting was held with Deputy Commissioner, Taxation Department regarding raise of Tax and Assistant Commissioner, Custom regarding removal of tobacco products from list of Border Trade Items on....	
15.	Anti Tobacco Programme was conducted amongst NCC Campers at Scouts and Guides Training Centre, Tanhril, Aizawl, Mizoram on 28 th January 2014	200
16.	Meeting was held with Mr. Lalsawta, Hon'ble Minister, Taxation on 29 th January 2014 in his office chamber regarding tax raise on tobacco products.	
	Discussions were held with Mr. H.Rohluna, Hon'ble Minister, Trade and Commerce regarding removal of tobacco products from the list of border trade items on 30 th January 2014.	
17.	Mizoram Smoke Free Group (MSFG) Meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mr. Lal Thanhawla on 30 th January 2014 in the Chief Minister's Conference Hall. The Hon'ble Health Minister, Mr.Lal Thanzara (Vice Chairman of MSFG) and Ms.Esther Lal Ruatkimi, Secretary (Health) were present in the meeting. Other Cabinet Ministers, Ministers of State, Principal Secretary (Taxation), high government officials and important members of the civil society were present. It was unanimously agreed to raise taxes on tobacco products in the state. It was also resolved that necessary action be taken with appropriate authority in the state and central government to remove tobacco products from the list of approved items for border trade with Myanmar and Bangladesh in order to curb tobacco contraband. It was also resolved that more concerted actions be taken up regarding enforcement to ensure that there is very good compliance to four key provisions of COTPA.	25
18.	<u>Anti Tobacco Squad</u>: Anti Tobacco Squad drives have been conducted regularly in all districts of the state. Report is attached separately.	
	Total	2321

Pictures and Newspaper Clippings:



Anti Tobacco Squad Drive



District Youth Convention, Champhai



District Youth Convention, Aizawl



District Youth Convention, Champhai



District Youth Convention, Aizawl



District Youth Convention, Kolasib



School Program at Hnahthial



School Program at Hnahthial



Training Program amongst NCC Campers



Training Program amongst NCC Campers



MSFG Meeting



MSFG Meeting

will be rewarded on that day.

Mizoram Post

MIZORAM STATE TOBACCO CONTROL SOCIETY MEET THE PRESS

AIZAWL, JAN 20 : Mizoram State Tobacco Control Society convened a press conference with media person today at I&PR Conference Hall, Lunglei in order take prevention and several initiatives across the Mizoram state . The programme was presided over by Dr SR Ngurchamlana, Consultant in Medicine-cum-District Focal Point NTCP, Lunglei District. Speaking on the occasion District Co-ordinator (South Mizoram), MSTCS ZT Vawra Hmar said ill-effects of smoking and consuming of tobacco relevant and represented a report which revealed that from Compliance Study of 2009, 2011, 2013 smoker are reducing day by day. In the year 2009 it was found 66.66 % while on year 2011 14.3 % falls down . Taking several initiatives on Tobacco Control in the year 2013 while having on 21 times of Anti squad drive 65 smoker were nabbed and 262 number of cigarette packets were seized.

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Hmalakna thlirlet

Champhai District a Anti-Tobacco Squad te chuan an hmalak tawh na thlir let na ah kum 2013 thleng khan ATS Drive 104 nei in, dan bawh chhia a meizial zu mi 342 leh health warning awm lova vaihlo zawrh khap na dan bawhchhia mi 37 te man tawh an ni a. Mei zu an man te hnen atanga sum an chawi tir tling khawm hi treasury ah a vain challan hmang a theh luh a ni.

lawrbawm January 23/2014

Lungleiah meizuk tlahniam

The Argaon Post 21/1/2014
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Puipunna hmuna meizial zû 7.9% an awm

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Workshop-a tarlan da-ah 7.9%-ah a tla hniam a; nin, zirchianna hmasa ber, kum 2009-ah puipunna hmuna meizial zû chu 61.7% an nih laiin, kum 2011-ah 18.2% leh 2013- kum 2013 chhungin anti-tobacco squad drive vawi 21 neiin, mi 65 an man a, cigarette packet 262 an man tawh bawk.

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MSTCS LEH LUNGLEI MJA MEMBER TE INKAWM

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Lawngtlaia trai- school 252 atangin an kalpui a ni.

Vangchani 22/11/2014

COTPA zawm dan zirna tichhuak

Mizoram State Tobacco Control Society (MSTCS) chuan a tum thumna atan Mizoram chhungah Cigarettes & other Tobacco products (Prohibition of advertisement & regulation of trade & commerce, production, supply and distribution) Act (COTPA), 2003-a Section 4 zawm that dan leh zawm loh dan zirchianna, 'Compliance Study of COTPA 2013' chu tun hnai khan a tichhuak.

MSTC ZIRCHIANNNA

District	Dawr endik zat	Signboard târ zat
Aizawl	1040	734 (70.58%)
Lunglei	110	59 (53.64%)
Champhai	76	70 (92.11%)
Serchhip	67	67 (100%)
Kolasib	69	50 (72.46%)
Mamit	65	63 (96.92%)
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Lawngtlai	45	34 (77.27%)

MSTCS-in meizu dinhmun district hrang hrangah zirchiang

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Nikum May-June 2013 chhung khan MSTCS chuan District Headquarters 8-a vantlang hmun - office, zirna in, damdawi in, thingpui dawr/hotel, hall/bazar leh hmun dangah te COTPA Act zawm that a nih leh nih loh zirchiang in hetiang hi an hmuhchhuah dan chu a ni:

Town	Office	Zirna In	Hospital /Hotel	Restau. /Market	Hall	Others	Total
Aizawl	95	102	10	27	19	37	290
Mamit	17	10	1	7	3	4	42
Serchhip	27	23	2	8	3	5	68
Champhai	40	49	5	8	2	3	107
Kolasib	41	32	2	8	3	3	89
Lunglei	46	68	3	10	8	6	141
Saiha	31	19	2	7	3	3	65
Lawngtlai	21	22	3	5	3	4	58

Section 6(a) of COTPA Act 2003 chuan kum 18 hnuai lam chin hnenah meizial leh vaihlo kaihnawih thil engpawh zawrh a khap a, hetiang lam zawrhna dawr reng reng chuan fiah taka ziakin Signboard an tar tur a ni.

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Lawngtlaia 22/11/2014

Vantlang hmuna meizial zu tlem tial tial

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Aizawl January 24 Mizoram district khawpui pariata zirchiannaah vantlang hmuna meizial zuk chu a kum telin a tlahniam tial tial niin a lang a. Tuna a sang pawla awm pawh kum hmasa lam ai chuan a tlem zawngin an kal zel a ni.

Mizoram State Tobacco Control Society (MSTCS) in Aizawl leh district headquarters dang pasariha sawrkar pisa, zirna in, damdawi in, restaurants/hotels, halls/markets leh puipunna hmuna dang te tlawhin heng hmuna Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) danin a khap, meizial zu lai an hmuh te, a khu/rim atang te, meizial bung fla an hmuh atang te, ashtray leh thildang inchhawp dan atang te, meizial zuk phal loh emaw, meizial zuk hlauhawm chhan inziahna tar tam dan atang te, meizial fakmawina lam chi thuziak (posters etc) intar atang te in, tehna hrang hrang siamin 'bihchianna' an nei a ni.

Kum 2009 leh 2011 khan neih tawh niin, kum 2013 ah neih leh a ni a. He bihchianna, tunhnaia an tihchhuah taka a lan danin, vandang hmuna meizial zuk hi 2009 ah zaa 61.7 a nih lain, 2011 ah zaa 18.2 ah a tlahniam a, 2013 ah chuan zaa 7.9 ah a tlahniam tawh a ni.

Kum 2013 ah hian heng district hqrs. pariatah hian hmun 860 an tlawh a. District Anti-Tobacco Squad ten puipunna hmuna meizial zuk enfiah leh zu la tam dan an zirnaah, Champhai, Mamit, Serchhip leh Kolasib ah hian 2013-ah vantlang hmuna meizu man/hmuh an awm lo a, Saiha chu vantlang hmuna meizu la tamna ber niin zaa 21.5 a ni a, Lunglei zaa 15.6 leh Lawngtlai zaa 15.5, Aizawl zaa 7.9 a ni.



Vantlang hmuna mei zu an hmuhna hi office ah zaa 10, zirna inah zaa 2, damdawi inah zaa 4, hotels etc ah zaa 11, halls/markets ah zaa 5, a dangte ah zaa 2 a ni. Kum 2011 aiin a tlahniam hle vek a, a bikin office leh halls/markets ah a tlahniam nasa zual a ni.

Meizuk phal loh thu ziahna hi heng district hqrs. 8-a damdawi in zawng zawngah tar a ni tawh a. Office ah chuan zaa 92 vel niin, zirna in ah zaa 59, hotels etc. ah zaa 81, halls/markets ah zaa 89 leh a dangte ah zaa 97 a ni.

Heng puipunna hmuna an enfiahah hian, meizuk phal loh thu inziak intar hi Aizawl-a hmuna 290 an tlawhah 275 ah awmin, hei hi za zela 94.8 a ni a, meizu man 23 (7.9%) an awm. Champhai-ah hmuna 107 tlawhah 84 (78.5%) ah a intar a, meizu man an awm lo. Kolasib ah hmuna 89 tlawhin intar awmna 89 (100%) a ni a, meizu man an awm lo. Lawngtlai ah hmuna 58 tlawhnaah intar awmna 44 (75.9%) a ni a, meizu man 9 an awm. Lunglei ah hmuna 141 tlawhah 107 (75.9%) ah a intar a, meizu man 22 an awm. Mamit ah hmuna 42 an tlawh a, a intar vek a, meizu man an awm lo. Saiha ah hmuna 65 tlawh a, 51 (78.5%) ah a intar a, meizu man 14 an awm. Serchhip ah hmuna 68 tlawh a, 67(98.3%) ah intar a, meizu man awm lo.

District 8 ah hian a vaia hmuna 860 tlawhah intar awmna 759 (88.3%) a awm a, meizu man 68 (7.9%) an awm. 2009 leh 2011 ah bihchianna neih aiin heng tehna hrang hrang siama hian district tin a hniaam zawngin a kal vek a, hei hi thil tha tak a ni tih MSTCS hotute chuan an sawi. Tuna a sang pawla la lang te pawh hun hmasa lama study neiha an dinhmuna ai chuan an tlahniam vek a ni, an ti.

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Meizial zu man

Saiha District Anti Tobacco Squad chuan nimin khan Saiha khawpuiah puipunna hmuna hrang hrangahte fangin, COTPA zawm a nih leh nih loh an enfiah a; phal lohna hmuna meizial zu mi 12 manin, pawisa an chawitir.

UPC (NE) session

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30/1/2014

Saiha-ah Meizu 12 Man

Nimin khan Saiha District Anti Tobacco Squad-te chuan Saiha khawchhung a puipunna hmuna hrang hrangah te COTPA dan zawm a nih leh nih loh an enfiah a, phal lohna hmuna meizu mi 12 an man a, pawisa an chawitir.

hrangte nen YMA Com- hian a hrilh a ni.

Meizu man 29/1/2014

Lunglei District Anti Tobacco Squad chuan Section khawpuiah an duty, a, - 4 COTPA dan bawhchhia phallohna hmuna a meizu mi an awm leh awm loh endikin pali manin pawisa an chawitir.

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Meizu man

30/1/2014

□ Saiha District Anti Tobacco Squad chu Saiha khawchhunga puipunna hmun hrang hrangah te COTPA dan zawm a nih leh nih loh enfiahin nimin khan an thawkchhuak a. Phallohna hmuna meizu mi 12 manin pawisa an chawitir.

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30/1/2014

Mei zu mi 12 man

Nimin khan Saiha District Anti Tobacco Squad te chuan Saiha khaw chung a puipunna hmun hrang hrangah te COTPA dan zawm a nih leh nih loh enfiahna an nei a, he hunah hian phallohna hmuna meizu mi 12 manin pawisa an chawitir.

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The Aizawl Post

31/1/2014

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Cigarette-a chhiah lak tipung dawn

Mizoram Smoke Free Group thukhawm chuan cigarette-a sawrkarin chhiah a lak chu tihpun a remti a. A punna tur zat erawh Taxation department kutah dah a ni.

Vaihlo leh a kaihnnawih dotu pawl Mizoram Smoke Free Group (MSFG) chu Ningani khan an chairman, chief minister Lal Thanhawla hoin an thukhawm a. Hetah hian vaihlo, a bikin cigarette-a chhiah lak zat ennawn an rawt chu an sawiho hnuin cigarette-a chhiah lak chu tihpun nise an ti a, a sanna zat tur chu erawh Taxation department-in lo ngaihtuah se an ti. MSFG member secretary, Health secretary ni bawk Esther Lalruatkimi chuan, hei hi chhiah duhna rilru put vang ni loin, meizu mi ten an sim theihna kawng nia an ngaih avangin chhiah chu tihpun nise tiin an rawt

ti a sawi.

Ram thenawm Myanmar leh Bangladesh nen insumdown tawnnaah approved list-a tel vaihlo leh vaihlo atanga thilsiam chu approved items atanga paih nise tih an rawtna chu meeting-in an sawiho hnuin, sawrkar laipuih ziakin thlen nise an ti a. Mizoram Smoke Free a nih theih nan vaihlo khuahkhirhna dan COTPA hnuaia section hrang hrang chu chak leh khauh zawka kenkawh nise an tih bakah, zuk leh hmuam that loh zia inzirtima kawnga tha thlah loa, a hma aia chak leh zau zawka kalpui nise an ti bawk.

Vaihlo hman kawngah Mizoram chu India ram state-te zingah sang berin zaa 67 a ni a; hmang tlem ber chu Goa niin zaa 9 a ni. Global Adult Tobacco Survey-in a tarlan danin, zuk leh hmuam ching hi Mizoram-ah mipa zaa 72.5

an awm a, hmeichhia zaa 61.6 an awm a ni.

Meeting-ah hian 2008 October atanga December 2013 thleng khan meizial zuk khapna hmuna zu lui man mi 4180 te hnen atangin pawisa chawi zat Rs. 1,54,677/- anih thu tarlangin, cigarettes carton 84 leh a hmuam chi packet 837 man a nih thu tarlan a ni bawk. Nikum February leh December inkar khan mi 1080 in Aizawl leh Lunglei-a Tobacco Cessation Clinic an pan thu tarlan niin, chu'ng zinga za zela 12.07 chuan meizial an nghei tawh a, hei hi national average za zela 3 aia a tha zawk a ni. Vaihlo leh a kaihnnawih that lohna leh hlauhawmna inzirtima lamah te, training leh workshop neih te leh vantlangah leh kohhrana hmalakna te Aizawl leh Lunglei-ah vawi 28 leh vawi 43 neih a nih thu tarlan a ni bawk.

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CM-led Mizoram Smoke Free Group held 4th Meeting

HIGHER TAX TO BE LEVIED ON CIGARETTES TO END SMOKE CULTURE

AIZAWL, JAN 30

Mizoram Smoke Free Group led by its Chairman CM Lalthanhlawla today held meeting at Chief Minister Office Conference Room. This is the 4th meeting of the group which works to make Mizoram a smoke free State. The meeting decided to hike the tax levied on cigarette in a bid to do away with smoke culture and for better health of the people.

Besides the Group members, the meeting today was also attended by Ministers—Lalsawta, R. Romawia, P. C. Lalthanhlana, Lal Thanzara, Lalrinmawia Ralte and C. Ngunlianchunga.

Addressing the meeting, Chief Minister said that despite vigorous campaign having been led to do away with smoking and tobacco consumption, Mizoram is not yet a Smoke Free state.

However, thinking of years before now, we are progressing, although, in the mean time, there are yet many things to be done, CM said.

The leader of the Mizoram Smoke Free Group, CM said that smoking and tobacco consumption seems to be the biggest means with which Setan is tempting the Mizo Christians, adding, it is shameful as a community and as Christians to be a State having most number of smokers.

Talking of how tobacco affects



the health of the Mizo people in a large scale, Chief Minister said it is necessary to put concerted effort to bring about healthier living. The Chief Minister acknowledged the zealous effort of some good-willed people who have been vigorously campaigning against smoking since the last 20 years. He said that although people did not pay heed in the beginning, but now people are awakened. Meanwhile there is still a lot to be done

to end smoking culture, he stressed.

State Health Secretary and MSFG Member Secretary Esther Lalruatkimi gave a report in the meeting on the steps taken in the fight against tobacco in Mizoram.

The CM-led meeting today, after prolonged discussion, decided to hike the tax levied on cigarette, entrusting Taxation Department to decide on the rate of the hike.

Explaining the decision to hike

the tax on cigarette, Health Secretary Esther Lalruatkimi said this is not an intention to get more on tax, but rather a step thought to be a way to help the smokers end the unhealthy culture of smoking.

The meeting today, moreover, deliberated over the suggestion to remove tobacco products from neighboring Myanmar and Bangladesh from approved list of importing items, and decided to forward the suggestion to central

government in writing.

Besides deciding to enforce more strictly the various sections under the prohibiting rules of COTPA, the meeting decided to accelerate more than before the public campaign to make Mizoram Smoke Free. In terms of tobacco consumption, Mizoram is the highest in India with 67%, while Goa stands the lowest with 9%. As per Global Adult Tobacco Survey, 72.5% male and 61.6% female ate consuming tobacco and its products.

It was reported in the Meeting today that between 2008 October to December 2013, as many as 4180 people were caught for violation of anti-tobacco rules and were fined, amounting to Rs. 1,54,67,777/-.

84 cartons of cigarettes and 837 tobacco packets have also been seized, the meeting learnt.

It was also mentioned that between February 2013 and December 2013, 1080 people visited Tobacco Cessation Clinic at Aizawl and Lunglei, among which 12.07% now give up cigarette smoking; the percentage being better than national average 3%, it was noted.

Trainings and workshops and Church-based campaigns have also been organised in Aizawl and Lunglei-28 and 43 times respectively.

Mizoram Smoke Free Group led by the Chief Minister comprises 29 members.

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SERTHLUM THAR TAM - Kumin hian E. Lungdar leh Leng khuaah serthlum an thar tha hlo a, Leng khuaah pheih chuan cheng, nuai 9 man thar pawh an awm.

Cigarette-ah chhiah tihpun a ni dawn

Mizoram Smoke Free Group chuan, nimin khan an chairman, chief minister Lal Thanhawla hoin CMO conference hall-ah an thukhawm a; cigarette-a chhiah lak tinpun an rel.

CM Lal Thanhawla chuan, Mizorama zûk leh hmuam do leh tihremna kawnga chak taka hmalak a ni chungin, Mizoram chu smoke free tak tak a la ni lo tih a sawi a, "Tunhma ngaihtuah chuan hma kan sawn hle a, tih tur tam tak kan la nei. Zûk leh hmuam hi Setan'n Mizo ringtu min thlêmina lian ber niin a

lang," a ti.

Meeting-ah hian Health secretary, Esther Lalruatkimi'n vaihlo dona kawnga Mizorama hmalak dan hrang hrangte a sawifiah a; vaihlo, a bikin cigarette-a chhiah lak zat ennawn an rawtna chu sawiho a nih hnuah tihsan an rel a, tihsanna zat tur chu erawh Taxation department ngaihtuah atan an dah a ni.

Health secretary chuan, cigarette-a chhiah lâk tihpun tum a nih chhan chu - chhiah duhna rilru an put vang ni loin, meizial zu mite'n an sim theihna kawng

nia hriat vang a nih thu a sawi.

Meeting-a tarlan danin, October 2008 atanga December 2013 thleng khan phal lohna hmuna meizial zu mi 4,180 man an ni a, chung mite pawisa chawi tlingkhawm chu Rs. 15,46,777 a ni. Hemi hun chhung vek hian cigarette carton 84 leh hmuam chi packet 837 man a ni bawk.

Meeting-ah hian minister paruk - R Romawia, Lalsawta, PC Lalthanhlana, Lal Thanzara, Lalrinmawia Ralte leh C Ngunlianchunga te pawh an tel a ni.

Hike cigarettes tax for smoke-free

Bureau Report

Aizawl, Jan 30: As part of its mission to make Mizoram a smoke-free state, the Mizoram Smoke Free Group chaired chief minister Lal Thanhawla today agreed to increase tax on cigarettes.

The fourth meeting of MSFG held at the chief minister's office conference hall tasked the taxation department to determine the percentage of increase.

Health secretary Esther Lalruatkimi, who is also MSFG member secretary, said the decision to increase was made after deliberate discussion and it

basically aimed to reduce the number of smokers in the state, which has the highest number of tobacco users in India.

It was highlighted in the meeting that Mizoram tops in tobacco use in India with 67 percent of the state's population addicted to cigarettes of other forms of tobacco. According to Global Adult Tobacco Survey, 72.5 percent of the male population use tobacco, mainly in the form of smoking, 61.6 percent of female population is addicted to tobacco, mainly in the form of khaini (sahdah) and tobacco-induced water called tuibur.

However, the quit rate was welcoming.

According to MSFG reports, as many as 1,080 smokers went to tobacco cessation clinics in Aizawl and Lunglei. Of these 12.07 percent quit smoking, which is higher than the national average quit rate of 3 percent, the meeting was informed.

The meeting also proposed to delete tobacco products from the list of items in the border trade with the neighbouring Myanmar and Bangladesh. It decided to make this known to the central government in writing.

The meeting also decided to stricter enforcement of COTPA in

Mizoram.

Emphasising the need to eradicate rampant tobacco use, chief minister Lal Thanhawla said being the highest tobacco using state is a shame for a Christian-dominated state. He, however, expressed happiness that the efforts of anti-tobacco crusaders that included his wife Lal Riliani, since 20 years back started to bear fruits.

Ministers Lalsawta, R Romawia, P C. Lalthanliana, Lal Thanzara, Lalrinmawia Ralte and C Ngunlianlunga also attended the meeting besides health officials.

Huge haul of meth seized

Skill development training