

## **National Survey on Extend and Pattern of Substance Use ( NDUS)**

### **A brief summary/minutes of the meeting convened by State Nodal Officer held on 19-10-2017 at 3 pm in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.**

The meeting was presided over by Sri.P.B. Noohu Bava IAS, the Director of Department of Social Justice, Government of Kerala. The introductory welcome speech was made by the State's Nodal Officer Smt.S.Jalaja, Assistant Director in Department of Social Justice. Fr. Joseph Kalarical Secretary CHASS and Dr. Shibukumar of IMHANS were present on the dias among others. Ten officials from seven (7) government departments (Social Justice, Excise, Health, Public Informtion, Narcotics Control Bureau , Kerala State Youth Welfare Board and IMHANS ) were present in the meeting. Also ten functioneries on behalf of Chanagancecherry Social Service Society (CHASS) ,being the core team for conduct of survey, were present ( list of participants is attached in the end).

The Secretary of CHASS made a brief narration of the preparatory efforts currently completed for smooth conduct of National Survey and sought co-operation from all stakeholders present. Two TOTs have already been organised by he MoSJE and AIIMS for the core teams including the Regional Coordintor and two State Coordinators. The selcetions of three District Coordinators are over and Filed Interviewers selection interviews are completed. The latter two categories are to be put to intensive training and then to be deployed in the filed level. He sought support of all stakeholders and of the State Nodal Officer and related Government Departments for time bound execution of the survey. All the important guidelines for the survey were circulated among participant stakeholders for wider dissemination and follow up action.

In his presidential remarks the following points were highlighted by the Director. In his prior job assignment as Sub Divisional Magistrate at Attapady in Phalghat district of Kerala, it was noted that in many a law and order problem that came up had its origins in drug use incidents. In India there is a new and increasing trend towards extensive and diversified drug use among population and that too by the younger generations. Given current importance, this survey shall help us to build a solid and good data base on different facets of alcohol and drug abuses and that the country is in dire need of latest data to take up corrective actions and develop appropriate policy actions.He has extended all support for the smooth conduct of National Drug Use Survey(NDUS).

Dr. Shibu Kumar, psychiatrist from IMHANS Calicut made a detailed presentation on all important aspects of the conduct of this survey and assured all necessary technical support . He made it a specific point that stake holder departments at State, District, and Gram Panchayat levels have to pro actively work for success of this national survey. The State's Nodal Officer was requested to immediately issue necessary directions to all relevant departments. Dr Shibu Kumar continued the presentation by highlighting that the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowermnt is also studying the health hazards that are being faced today due to the drug

use and the ministry is also trying to count the number of the users across selected regions. The other main highlights of his presentations are given below.

- The AIIMS is trying to focus the profile making of users in the selected geography under the Ministry of Social Justice Department.
- The NDUS will take effort to know the limitations of the people living with substance use.
- The users profile data is also to know the QOL (Quality Of Life) in their life.
- The tribal areas and coastal areas are equally important like other geographical areas for the survey
- The National Survey on Extent and Pattern of Substance Use (NDUS) in India will also assess the service gap delivery.

Mr. Thomaskutty Joseph, Regional Project Coordinator also made a brief presentation on arrangements so far completed and detailed on every future course of action needed for conduct of survey. His presentation introduced and elaborated several terms like NDDTC, AIIMS, Primary Sampling Unit (PSU), Census Enumeration Block(CEB), NDUS etc. His presentation highlighted the following main points:-

- There will be 15 HH Survey Teams each in a State/UT.
- In Each HHS team both male and female interviewers be included
- Mapping and Listing after the visit of the field and the data will be entered to handheld devices on landmark, geography of the locations etc.
- There will be 4 days training for the field workers
- CEB Maps are very urgent for the listing which will be in turn send to the AIIMS.
- The huge CEBs will be segmented to 200 to 300 houses.
- It is not necessary that Mapping and Listing team needs to go to the same CEB in field, they may be reshuffled also.
- The field staff required consent from the head of the household for the data collection especially when they gather data about alcohol, tobacco, Ganja, and other types of consumption if any.
- Besides respondents household, other places like a meeting point or a centre can be used for data collection if the member of the house is not willing to reveal things while they are at the home.
- A maximum of three times visit to a household is compulsory if the member of the house is not available on the days of the visit by interviewers.
- In case of unwillingness of the house members to furnish data the team can proceed to gather data from the next household.
- One team has to visit 4 Households per day.
- 1 PSU consists of 25 Households.

In the final round up of discussions that ensued it was decided that following activities shall be immediately completed.

1. The State Nodal Officer shall immediately circulate among stakeholder departments all the salient aspects, roles and responsibilities, and guidelines of conduct of National Survey and request its dissemination ensured to district and Panchayath levels and request compliance.

2. The State Nodal Officer shall write to the Census Director to take necessary action to furnish the Census Enumeration Block Maps. The AIIMS shall in turn submit a list of relevant CEBs to be covered in the survey to the Director of Census Operations of Kerala.
3. An Action Plan and Time Line shall be prepared and circulated at State/District and Panchayath levels to the authorities concerned;
4. The district level stakeholders meetings shall begin in the month of October last and in first week of November 2017. The State Nodal Officer is requested to address the District Collectors to convene the District Level Stakeholders meetings accordingly.
5. The training of all field functionaries shall be completed by end November 2017.
6. The support of Nehru Yuvak Kendra's may be ensured in the conduct of survey;
7. Necessary brochure's/ pamphlets etc describing conduct of survey in local language shall be made available at all levels of governance and execution. Extensive media coverage need be ensured for mobilising peoples support to obtain relevant information.
8. Periodic review meetings of the progress of conduct of survey shall be undertaken by the Nodal Officer and when felt necessary.

Followed by a vote of thanks, the meeting came to an end at 5.30 pm.

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Secretary  
CHASS

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State Operations Manager,  
Kerala

### **List of Participants**

<b>SL/NO</b>	<b>The Name of the Participants</b>	<b>Designation / Department/ Organisation</b>
1	Shri. Nooh Bava IAS	The Director of Social Justice Department, Government of Kerala
2	Smt. S. Jalaja	The Assistant Director of Social Justice Department, Government of Kerala
3	Mr.S. Mohammad Ubaid	The Assistant Commissioner of Excise Department, Thiruvananthapuram
4	Dr. Manjula Bhai	The Assistant Director, Department of Health Service, Government of Kerala
5	Mr. Jimmy K Jose	The additional Director of Public Information, Government of Kerala
6	Mr. Samson K Samuel	Intelligence Officer Narcotic Control Bureau, Kochi, Government of Kerala
7	Ms. Chandrika Devi	District Youth Programme Officer, KSYWB, Government of Kerala
8	Dr. Shibu Kumar	The Principal Investigator, Psychiatrist IMHANS, Calicut, Government of Kerala
9	Fr. Joseph Kalarickal	The Secretary Changanacherry Social Service Society, Changanacherry
10	Mr. J Sreekumar	Junior Supirendant, Social Justice Directorate, Government of Kerala
11	Ms. Gangadevi.B	The Senior Clerk, Social Justice Directorate, Government of Kerala
12	Fr. Thomaskutty Joseph	The Regional Project Coordinator, National Drug Use Survey- CHASS, Changanacherry
13	Shri. Jose Puthuppally	The Regional Operations Manager, National Drug Use Survey-CHASS, Changanacherry
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15	Dr. Joseph Abraham	The State Operations Manager, Kerala, National Drug Use Survey-CHASS, Changanacherry
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19	Ms. Varada Devi	District Coordinator, National Drug Use Survey-CHASS, Changanacherry
20	Mr. Shibin M Koshy	District Coordinator, National Drug Use Survey-CHASS, Changanacherry