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## Recommendations for Research Scientists

While there is adequate information to commence action for tobacco control in India, research is needed to better inform policies and strengthen programmes. Such research must not only provide accurate and regularly updated information on the prevalence of tobacco use and its health consequences but also clearly delineate the dimensions of the economic and environmental damage caused by tobacco. Research must also identify multiple determinants of tobacco use in diverse population groups, assess the impact of interventions to reduce tobacco use and measure the cost-effectiveness of different programme components. It is recommended that research scientists

1. Develop a standardized, population-based surveillance mechanism, with India-specific tools, to generate reliable data for assessing tobacco use patterns and related health consequences in India.
2. Evolve mechanisms to obtain more precise estimates of morbidity and mortality attributable to tobacco use in India.
3. Identify the economic and sociocultural determinants of tobacco use in different demographic groups in India.
4. Evaluate the impact of policy interventions on reducing tobacco consumption in India.
5. Assess the economic and environmental consequences of tobacco production and consumption in India.
6. Design, implement and evaluate community interventions intended to prevent the primary uptake of tobacco, especially by the youth.
7. Assess the cost-effectiveness of community-based and clinic-based interventions to promote cessation among adults and the youth.
8. Periodically evaluate the performance of the NPTC and measure the cost-effectiveness of various programme components.