



“Jashpur Nagar Goes Smoke Free”



Introduction

The prevalence of Tobacco Use in Chhattisgarh is 39.1 % out of which 5.5 % is smoking form and 36 % is smokeless form . Jashpur District covering a population of 8.52 Lakhs divided into 8 Blocks, lies in the North Eastern corner of the State adjoining the Border of Jharkhand and Odisha.

Objective

To Assess the Level of compliance of Section 4 of COTPA 2003 in Jashpur city (Jashpur Nagar) of Chhattisgarh.

Methods

Compliance assessment study for Smoke free Under Section 4 of COTPA 2003 was conducted by AIIMS Raipur with technical support from The Union .The Study was done after the approval received from DHS and District Collector.

Study area: The study was carried out in Jashpur city (Jashpur Nagar) of Jashpur district with a population of 29,400 covering 19 wards on 22nd and 23rd January 2020.

Observation method was used for the study. A total of 162 public places were surveyed according to a checklist which covered 5 major criteria's

- Presence of no smoking signage according to COTPA
- Presence of Active Smoking
- Presence of Passive Smoking
- Absence of cigarette butts
- Absence of smoking aids

Simple random sampling was done for the compliance study.

List of Places surveyed were divided into 6 Categories which are as under :

Category 1: Accommodation facilities such as Hotels, rest houses, Sarai, Guest house, Dharam shala, Rain basera

Category 2: Eateries such as Restaurants, Canteens, Bars, Dhabas, Street food vendors, Food court etc

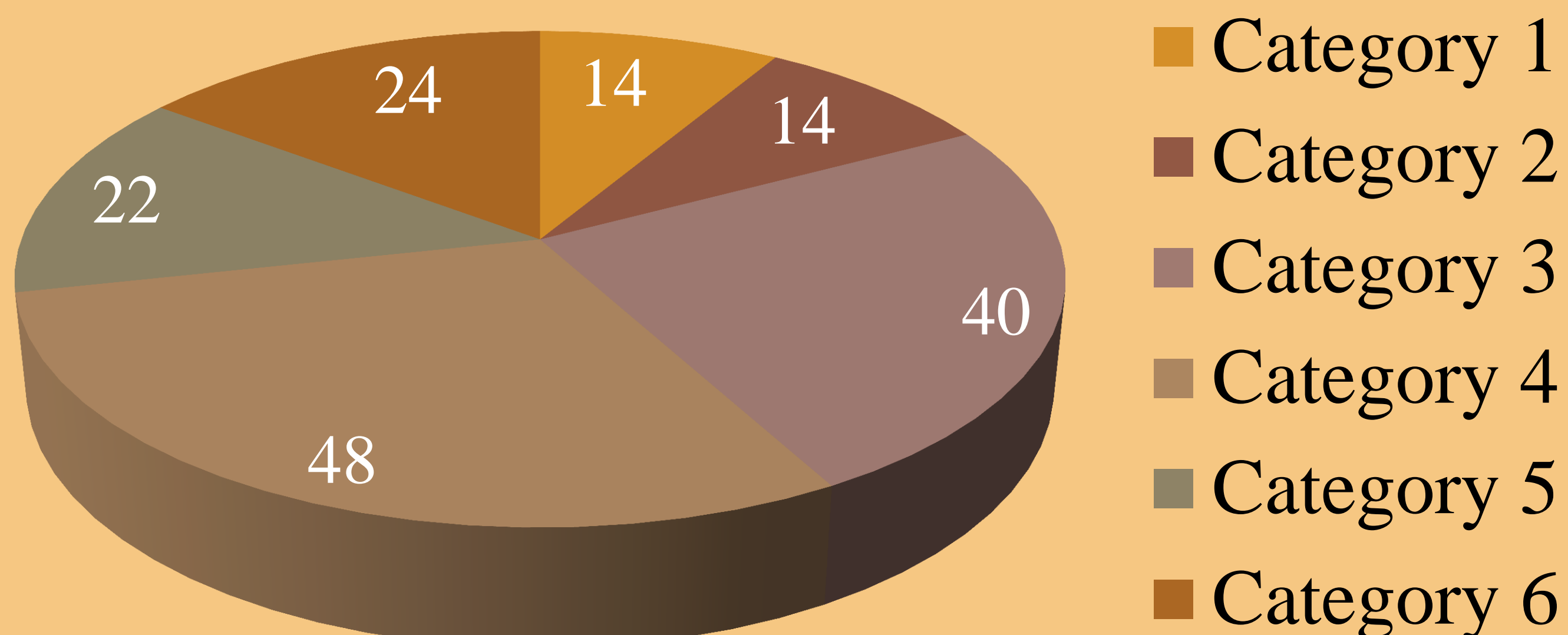
Category 3: Educational Institutions (Government/Private)

Category 4: Offices and Workplaces (Government/Private)

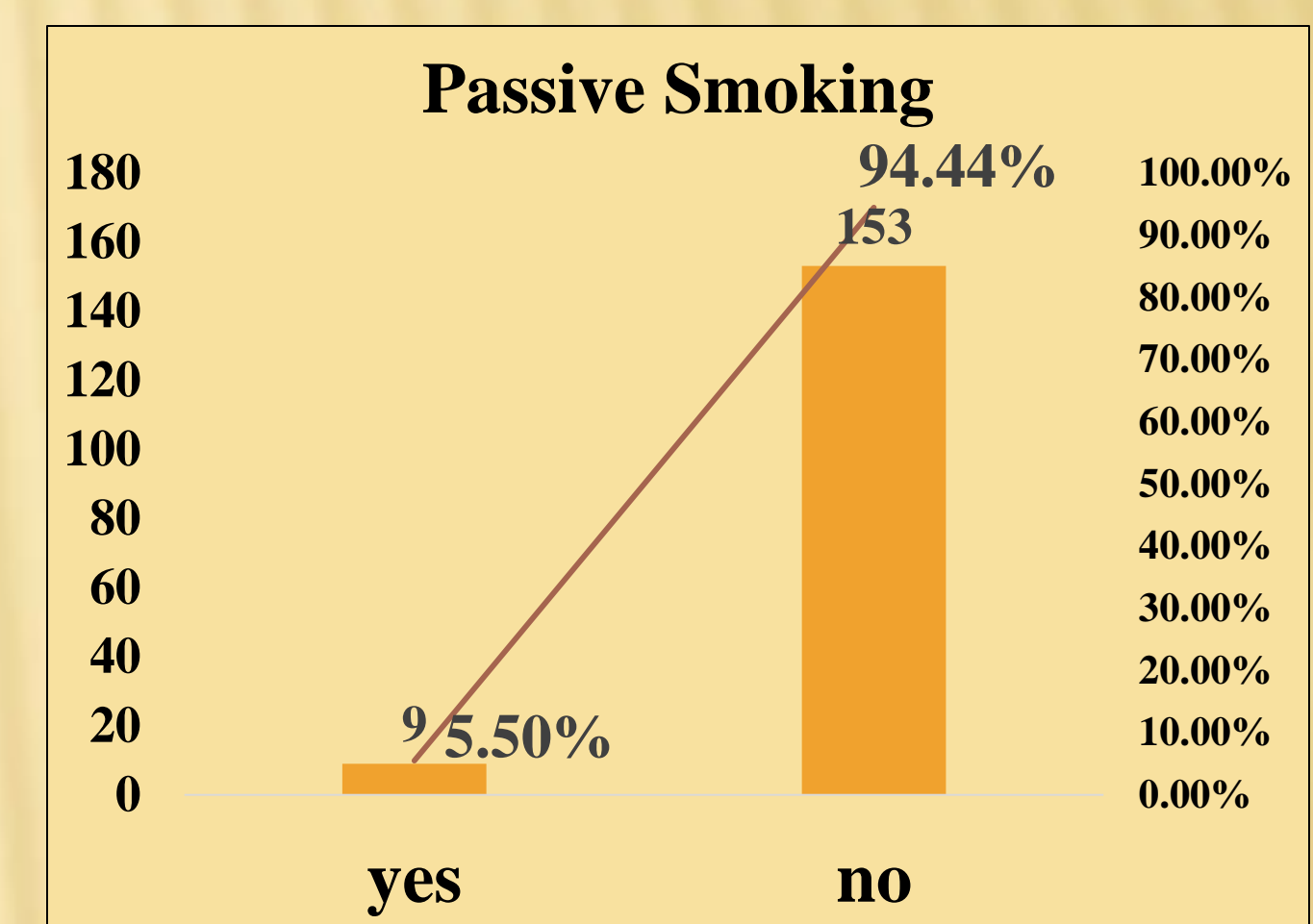
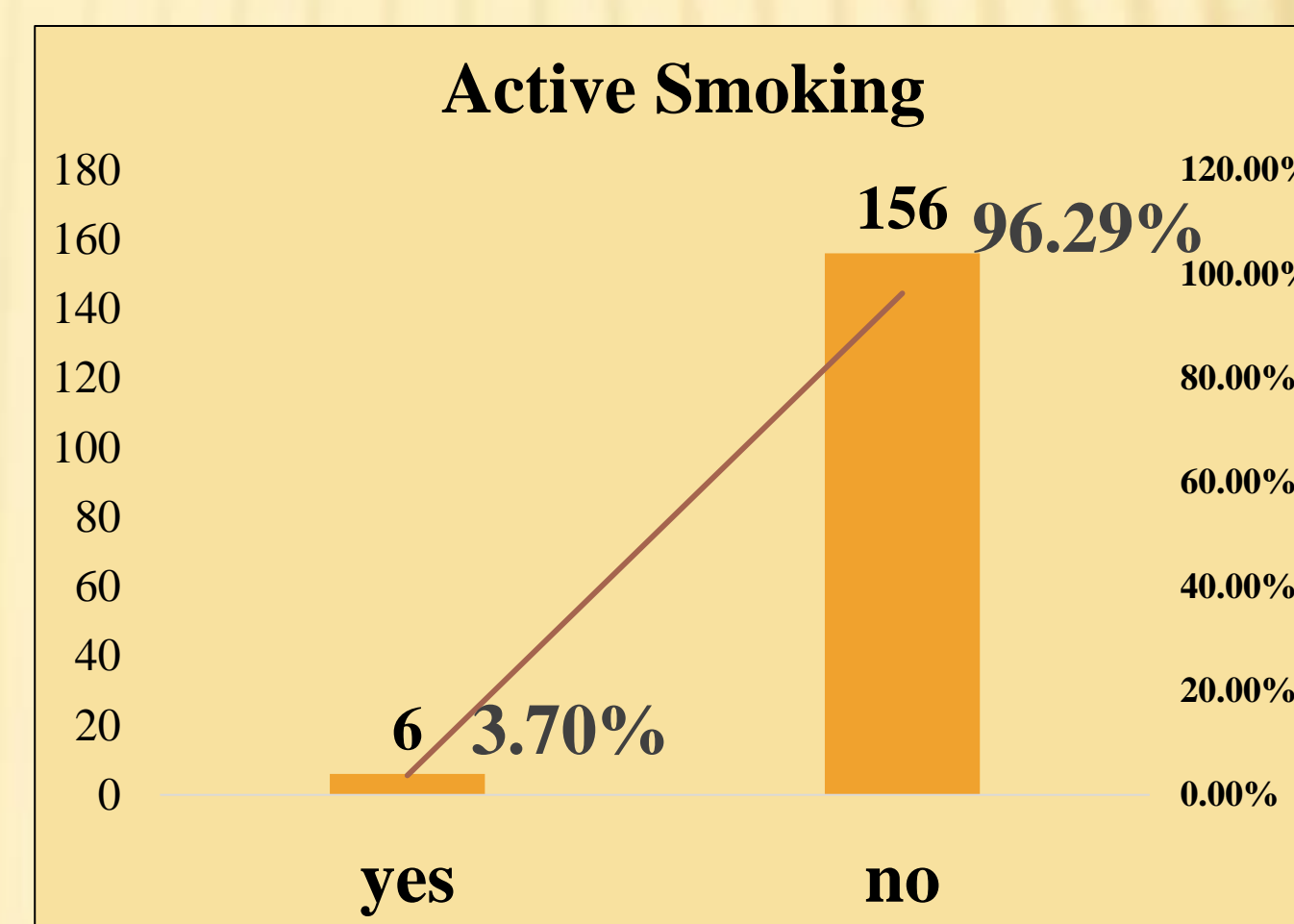
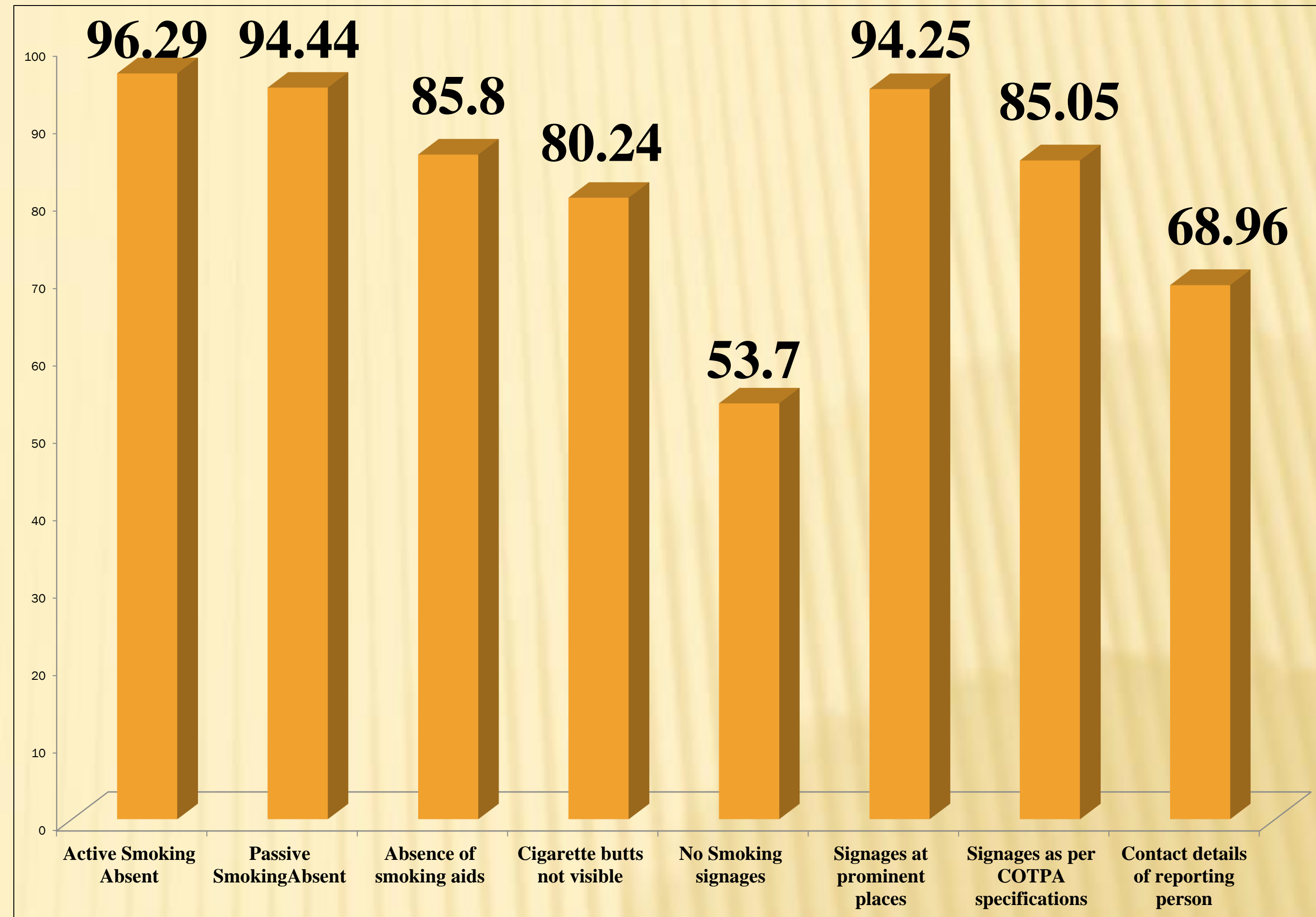
Category 5: Health care facility (Government/Private)

Category 6: Most commonly visited places

Temples, Mall Road, Museums, Palaces, Old Historical Buildings, Railway stations, Bus stations, Taxi stations, Markets, Shopping mall, Parks



Results



Criteria's	Result
1 Active Smoking absent	96.29 % (Compliance rate of not found)
2 Passive Smoking absent	94.44% (Compliance % of not found)
3 Absence of smoking aids	85.80 %
4 Cigarette butts not visible	80.24 %
5 (a) No Smoking signages	53.70 %
5(b) Signages at prominent places	94.25 %
5(c) Signage's as per COTPA specifications	85.05 %
5(d) Contact details of reporting person	68.96 %
Total Average percentage	82.33 %



Conclusion

After the Compliance survey carried out at 162 places the aggregate percentage came out to be **82.33%** . As the percentage received was more than 80% the city was declared “Smoke Free” after the decisions from the higher authorities.

Recommendations

Inter Department Convergence plays a major role in effective implementation of Tobacco Control Laws. Sensitizing the Higher officials plays an important role .

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