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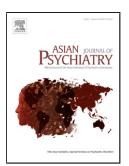
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Highlights of the project:

- The study studied perceptions of SLT users and health care providers regarding the prevalence of SLT in the community, awareness about its adverse effects and challenges for cessation
- Users and service providers were more or less similar regarding the extent of SLT use in the community.
- There was inadequate knowledge of the harm from SLT use, both among SLT users and health care providers.
- FGD's revealed high positive expectancies from SLT use and low risk perception.
- There was a low demand for assistance to quit.

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