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Crackdown on smoking

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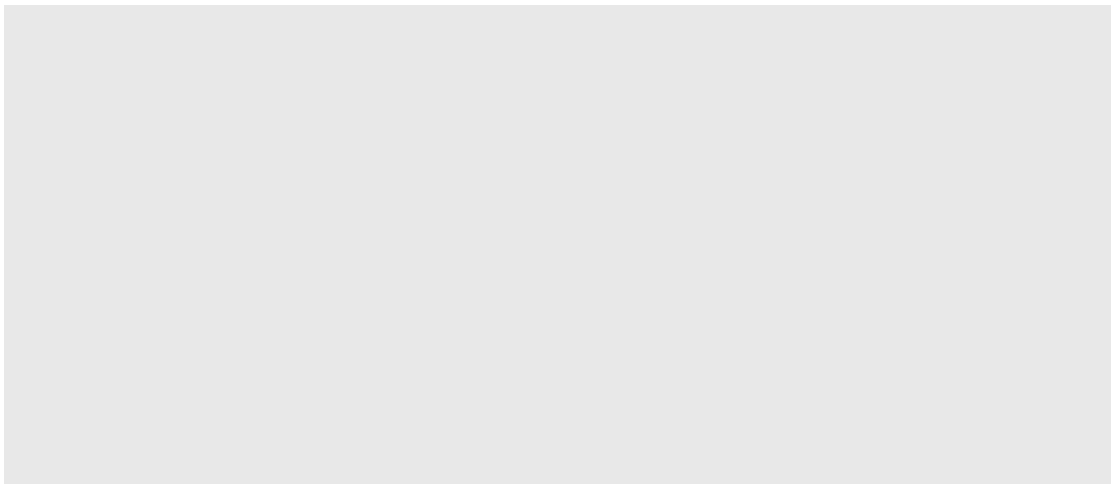
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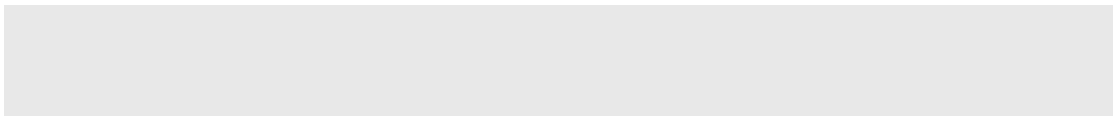
Police have launched a drive against smoking in public places in and around places of tourist interest.

In a special drive at Chamundi Hills, police booked 197 cases against those found smoking near the Nandi statue, temple premises and other prominent places.


The special drive to implement the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Productions (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production Supply and Distribution) Act 2003 or the COTPA Act, was conducted between March 18 to 25 and police have levied a penalty of Rs. 25,500.

Commissioner of Police M.A. Saleem said that Mysuru being a tourist city attracted thousands of visitors daily but they were put to discomfort due to smoking in public places. Hence a crackdown was ordered and the drive at Chamundi Hills alone resulted in booking of 197 cases in one week.





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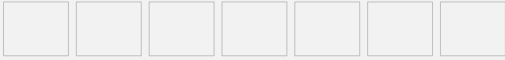
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