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200 cases registered in a day under COTPA in Udupi

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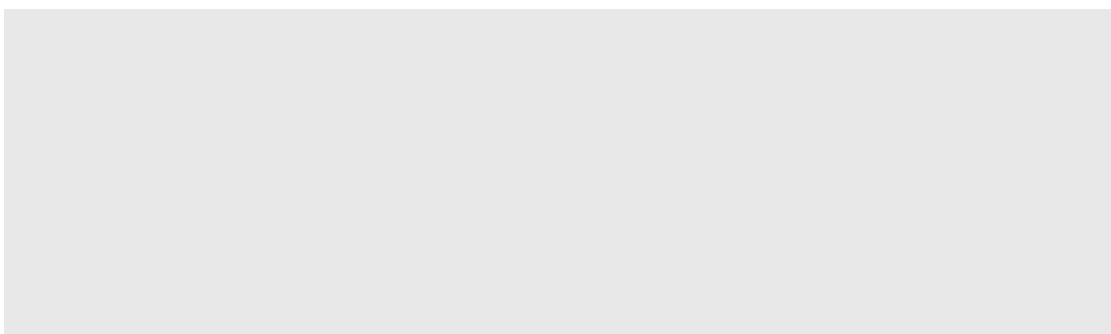
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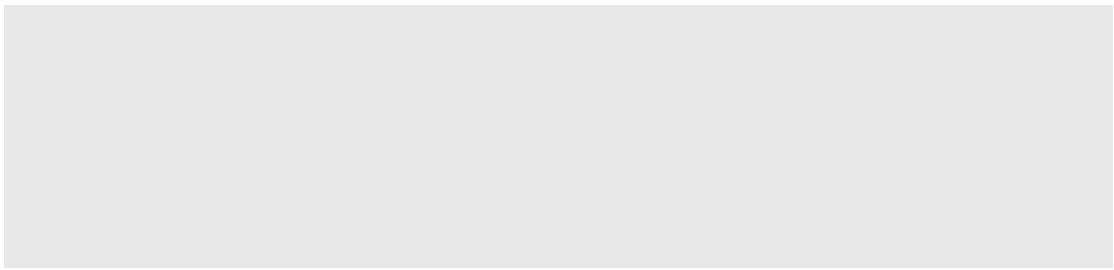
The Udupi district police launched an operation across the district under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) 2003 on Friday and registered 200 cases against those who violated the provisions of the Act.

Superintendent of Police M.B. Boralingaiah told *The Hindu* that all inspectors and sub-inspectors of police in the district had taken part in the special drive carried out to implement the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) 2003 in the district. Under the Act, cigarettes and other tobacco products could not be sold within 100 yards of educational institutions.


The police personnel had inspected almost all petty shops around the educational institutions and where necessary raided them at some places in the district. They had confiscated tobacco products from these petty shops in some places and notices had been issued to the shop owners. As many as 200 cases had been booked under the Act in the district on a single day, he said.

He had held talks with the authorities of Manipal University on Friday and told them to keep a watchful eye on the entire campus and see to it that no narcotic substances entered it. He had told the university authorities that if there was any wrongdoing, it should be brought to the notice of the police. He said had already held six to seven meetings with the authorities of the university.





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