

《印度比哈尔的老鼠喝‘禁酒’》

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Police in the eastern Indian state of Bihar say rats have consumed thousands of litres of confiscated alcohol.

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The state banned the sale and consumption of alcohol last year. Since then police have seized more than 900,000 litres.

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Patna city's top police official, Manu Maharaj, said he was told by police inspectors on Tuesday that much of that liquor had been lost to rats.

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Police have now ordered an inquiry to examine these claims.

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Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar announced the alcohol ban soon after taking office last year. It was seen as a way of reducing domestic violence, harassment and poverty.

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Police subsequently launched search operations across the state to confiscate alcohol. They also arrested more than 40,000 people for illegally keeping alcohol in their homes and shops.

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The operation resulted in massive stocks of alcohol bottles kept in police stations as evidence. Some police stations even rented private storage facilities for the bottles.

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More than 1,000 police stations in the state have now been ordered to routinely audit their stock of confiscated alcohol.

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Mr Maharaj told The Hindu newspaper that officers would also be routinely checked for alcohol consumption.

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If they fail the test they could even lose their jobs, apart from being prosecuted under the new stringent excise and prohibition laws, he said.

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The law states that anybody found drinking or selling alcohol can be jailed for 10 years.

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