

People evict illicit liquor vendors in Udalguri



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People of Hattigar in [Udalguri](#) district recently [launched](#) massive drive against illicit liquor vendors in and around Hattigar villages on October 31. Illicit liquor, illicit trafficking and with hunting etc have been a few major social menaces in the tea garden dominated Hattigar area for years. Taking advantage of poor economic status, illiteracy, unemployment etc, anti social elements have been exploiting villagers to much disappointment of honest people of the society. Ranjit Tanti, principal, Bright Star English School, Hattigar and a leading social activist of the district told this correspondent that even after several warnings given to the liquor vendors to close their activities, the educated youths of Hattigar including ACMS, AASAA, [ATTSA](#) had to come out with a strong pledge and commitment to wipe out the illicit practice in the entire area. Supplying, selling buying, and consuming of illicit had been totally banned in the area. "Our youths are trying day and night to motivate people, trying to create awareness among them falling easy prey to anti social elements. Our boys are trying to make the villagers understand to live a healthy life, to educate children and also to keep the environment clean", so said Ranjit Tanti. It is also learned that Officer-in-Charge of [Paneri](#) Police Station and tea garden management offered cooperation in evicting the illicit liquor vendors. But the role of excise department has been criticized by most locals saying that excise people were interested in collecting more money only from the liquor vendors.

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