

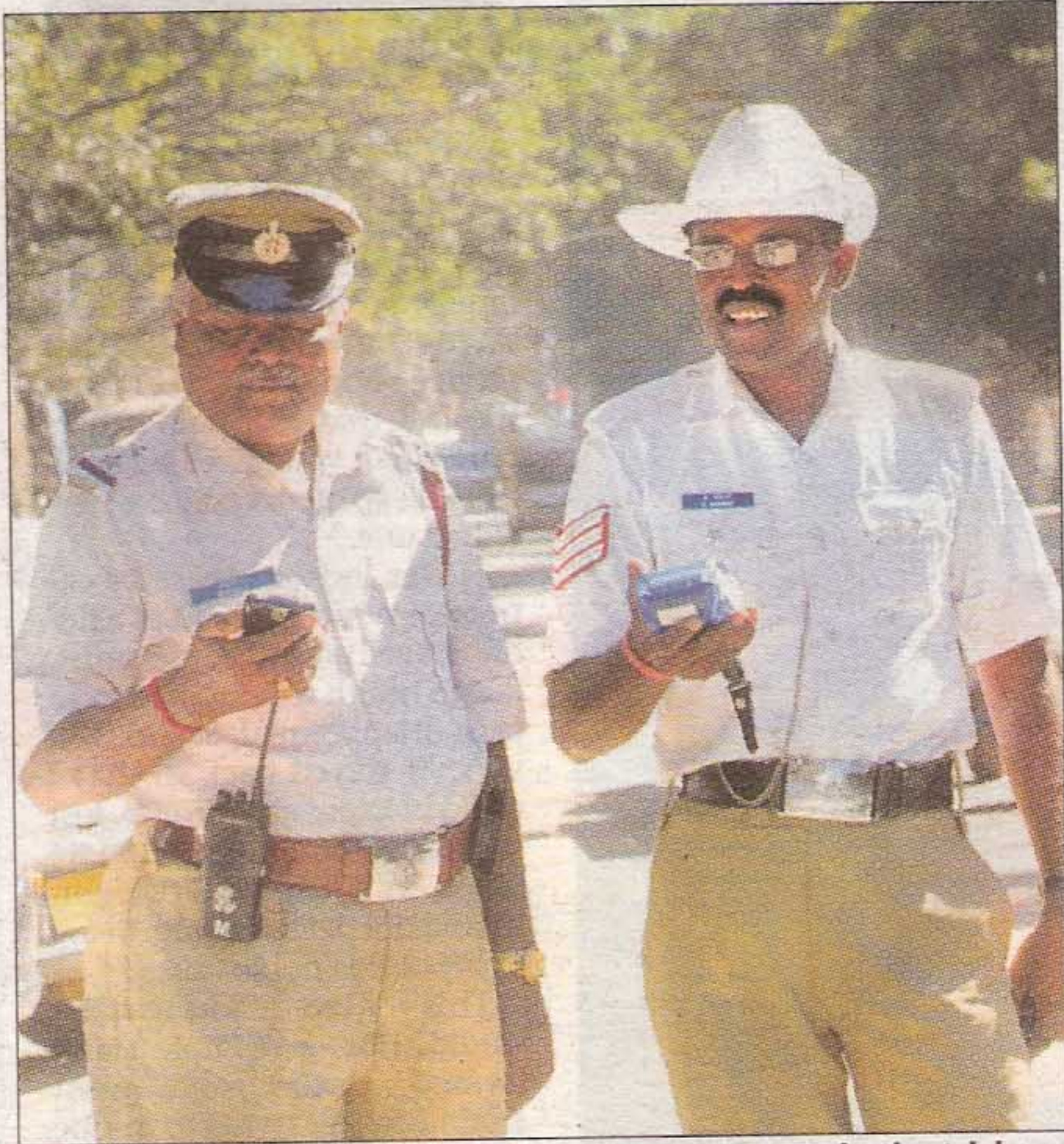
WRONG TURN, BIG MOOLAH

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In 2007 the city traffic police had booked around 15 lakh cases and collected around Rs 20 crore in fines. This year the number of cases will definitely rise to over 25 lakhs and the fine amount will exceed over Rs 30 crore. "There is a limit to everything. People's attitude has to change. The police, apart from doing traffic duty, have other duties too. We cannot take things lightly hereafter. Each one feels that the enforcement is lax until he is caught. We will prove that strict enforcement is on and no wrongdoers can escape," Sood said.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER
It is not the law and order which is discussed most in the Home department. It's traffic issues. Which is not surprising because, from local movers and shakers to foreign dignitaries, everyone wants some solution to Bangalore's traffic nightmare. And with the number of vehicles on the city's roads increasing by the day more violations are expected. But the cops are confident that strict enforcement can do the trick. "It is rubbish on the part of vehicles to stray on to footpaths and even use the space meant for pedestrians. This happens only here. Now, get ready to be booked for all such violations," said a senior traffic police officer.



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FINE CASE

MOTOR VEHICLE ACT FINE AND TOWING CHARGES

2006: 15.27 lakh cases booked. Rs 20.61 crore collected as fine amount.

2007: Around 15 lakh cases booked. Rs 20 crore collected as fine amount.

2008: Within four months, 5.71 cases booked. Rs 8.28 crore collected as fine amount. The total number of cases expected to reach around 25 lakh with fine amount of Rs 30 crore.

