

PRESS NOTE

PMRDA cracks down on illegal hoardings in Khed Shivapur; encroachments demolished at Bhugaon-Ghotawade Phata

- **PMRDA's anti-encroachment drive intensifies; PMRDA and MSRDC launch joint operation along Bhugaon-Ghotawade Phata road**

PUNE: In a major crackdown, the Unauthorized Construction Demolition Department of the Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA) has intensified its ongoing campaign against illegal hoardings and roadside encroachments. On Tuesday (May 19), the PMRDA pulled down a massive unauthorized hoarding belonging to a major hospital in Khed Shivapur, located in Haveli (West) taluka. Simultaneously, a joint anti-encroachment drive was launched in coordination with the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC) to clear bottlenecks along the Bhugaon to Ghotawade Phata stretch.

An illegal hoarding put up without prior permission by 'Max Neuro Hospital' at Gat No. 114 in Khed Shivapur village, Haveli taluka, was completely dismantled by the anti-encroachment squad. Meanwhile, the PMRDA and MSRDC joined forces for a massive roadside clearance operation between Bhugaon and Ghotawade Phata. During this drive, six illegally erected tin sheds blocking the road were razed to the ground. Additionally, two compound walls that had encroached upon the road width were demolished, and 10 unauthorized small advertising boards causing traffic obstructions were seized.

The enforcement drive was executed following the directives of PMRDA Metropolitan Commissioner Dr. Abhijit Chaudhari and under the guidance of Additional Metropolitan Commissioner K. Manjulakshmi. The operation was successfully carried out by a team led by Himmat Kharade, Joint Commissioner (In-charge) of the Unauthorized Construction Demolition Department, along with Tehsildars Asha Holkar and Ravindra Ranjane. Kharade warned that stringent action against illegal encroachers and unauthorized hoarding operators will continue unabated in the future.

"No citizen or commercial entity should erect unauthorized hoardings or encroach upon road areas within the PMRDA limits. Strict action will be taken against violators moving forward. It is mandatory to obtain formal permission before putting up any hoarding within PMRDA jurisdiction. To assist citizens, the administration has made the permission process significantly easier and more streamlined." — **Dr. Abhijit Chaudhari**, Metropolitan Commissioner, PMRDA

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