

PRESS NOTE

PMRDA's Biggest Crackdown in Moi: 680 Unauthorized Sheds Demolished

- **35 hectares cleared of encroachments**
- **Record 20-hour operation executed by 1,000 personnel**

PIMPRI/RAJGURUNAGAR: In its largest-ever crackdown against illegal structures, the Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA) demolished 680 unauthorized tin sheds spread across approximately 35 hectares in Moi village under Khed taluka. The massive, two-day anti-encroachment drive has sent shockwaves through illegal developers in the region.

The operation was carried out on July 13 and 14 under the leadership of PMRDA Metropolitan Commissioner Dr. Abhijit Chaudhari, and guided by Additional Metropolitan Commissioner K. Manjulakshmi and Pimpri-Chinchwad Police Commissioner Vinay Kumar Choube. The administration put meticulous planning in place to prevent any untoward incidents.

A heavy security contingent was deployed, including 650 police personnel, 50 jawans from the Maharashtra Security Force (MSF), a State Reserve Police Force (SRPF) platoon, security guards from the Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC), and 30 PMRDA fire brigade personnel. As a precautionary measure, three fire tenders and MSEDCL staff were stationed at the site.

The demolition was executed using JCBs, Poclain excavators, and labor teams. The entire operation was completed through seamless coordination between PCMC, the Khed electricity supply division, the health department, and the Khed Panchayat Samiti.

Key officials present on the ground during the two-day drive included PMRDA Vigilance Officer and Superintendent of Police Amol Zende, Pimpri-Chinchwad Additional Commissioner of Police Basavaraj Teli, Deputy Commissioner of Police Shweta Khedkar, Assistant Commissioner of Police Priya Dhamale, PMRDA Joint Commissioner Himmat Kharade, Chief Fire Officer Devendra Potphode, Mahalunge Police Inspector Vijay Dhamal, Tehsildars Ravindra Ranjane and Asha Holkar, and Deputy Engineers Ritesh Mundhe and Tapan Danke.

20-Hour Operation Involves 1,000 Personnel and Heavy Machinery

Targeting unauthorized structures across 68 land survey numbers in Moi, PMRDA razed 680 illegal tin sheds and commercial structures spanning 35 hectares. The 20-hour continuous operation was conducted across July 13 and 14 under tight security to maintain law and order.

A force of 1,000 personnel was mobilized for the drive. This included 650 police personnel, 50 MSF jawans, 30 PMRDA fire division staff, and 170 officers and personnel from the PMRDA's anti-unauthorized construction department, along with other support staff. The authority deployed heavy machinery, including 12 Poclain excavators, 12 JCBs, tractors, tippers, hydra cranes, and gas cutters to dismantle the structures.

Himmat Kharade, Joint Commissioner of PMRDA's Anti-Unauthorized Construction Department, confirmed that the continuous 20-hour drive concluded peacefully without any law and order issues in the area.

"Illegal tin sheds or unauthorized constructions will not be tolerated within PMRDA limits. The action in Moi is part of an ongoing aggressive campaign. Citizens should not fall prey to the lure of such illegal structures. PMRDA will continue to take stringent action in the future." — **Dr. Abhijit Chaudhari, Metropolitan Commissioner, PMRDA**

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