

# GMADA razes structures

## Owners attack employees, damage earth-moving machine

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Launching a major demolition drive against illegal constructions, the regulatory wing of the Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA) on Saturday razed 30 illegal structures in various areas despite an attack on the enforcement staff by their owners.

GMADA Additional Chief Administrator Rajesh Dhi-man said it had come to the notice of the authority that illegal structures were being raised at Jhampur village and other nearby areas without obtaining necessary approvals from the competent authority. "In today's action, around 30 under-construction residential and commercial structures were demolished. Action was taken under the Punjab Apartment and Property Regulation Act (PAPRA)," he said.

The drive, which started at 11 am, continued for around six hours. The team, which executed the action, was lead by Pooja Syal, Estate Officer (Regulatory), with the help of the police



The enforcement staff of GMADA pulls down an illegal structure in Mohali on Saturday. A TRIBUNE PHOTOGRAPH

### Three booked for attacking officials

- The Balongi police have booked three persons of Jhampur colony for attacking and disrupting the work of GMADA officials, who had reportedly gone there to raze illegal structures. As per information, an earth-moving machine of GMADA was damaged.
- The SHO of the Balongi police station, Naveen Pal Singh, said they had accompanied the officials for the drive. However, things went out of hand after the residents resisted. Some of them started attacking the vehicles and more force had to be called. The situation was brought under control.
- An FIR was lodged under Sections 353,147,149 and 186 of the IPC against Raju, Golu and Modi. No arrest has been made so far.

force, comprising 40 personnel. Three earth-moving machines were pressed into service.

The team, which had gone to demolish these illegal constructions, was attacked by some miscreants. An

earth-moving machine was damaged. However, no injury was reported to any of the officials present at the spot.

Taking a swift action against those resisting the drive, the police brought

the situation under control. GMADA has written to the Balongi SHO to take necessary action against Raju, Golu and Modi, all residents of Maloya, and 15-20 unidentified persons for obstructing the government action.

Senior officials of the department cautioned the general public not to undertake any construction/ reconstruction on the land outside the lal dora (red line/ phirni (boundary) of any villages falling under the jurisdiction of GMADA without obtaining a prior approval from the competent authority or convert the land into plots without obtaining licence or carve out any colony without obtaining the change of land use agreement.

They said today's action was a warning to all those who were indulging in the constructions of unauthorised colonies. "Stern action will be taken against the violators and demolition drives will be carried out in different areas under the jurisdiction of various development authorities across the state," they added.





# Residents target GMADA team on demolition drive, around 20 booked

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A TEAM of officials from Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA) on Saturday were allegedly attacked by the residents of Maloya village and nearby areas during a major demolition drive, under which it razed around 30 illegal structures. No official was injured in the attack, however, a JCB machine was damaged.

Balongi Station House Officer Inspector N P S Lehal said they have registered a case under sections 353, 147 and 186 of Indian Penal Code against one Golu and 15-20 other unidentified persons for obstructing the officials

from discharging their duty.

The demolition drive by the team of regulatory wing, led by Estate Officer Pooja Syal, began around 11.00 am and continued for nearly six hours. Three JCB machines were pressed into action, out of which one was damaged by the irate mob.

Despite the presence of a police force of around 35-40 personnel to prevent any impediment during the drive, the team was attacked by the residents, according to a GMADA spokesperson.

While the police personnel immediately swung into action to control the situation, the GMADA wrote to the Station House Officer of Balongi for necessary action against the resi-

dents of Maloya village and 15-20 other unidentified persons for obstructing the government action.

Additional Chief Administrator, GMADA, Rajesh Dhiman, in a statement said that it had come to the notice of the authority that illegal structures were being raised in Jhampur village and other nearby areas without obtaining necessary approvals from the competent authority.

"In today's (Saturday) action, around 25-30 under construction residential and commercial structures were demolished. The action was taken under the provisions of Punjab Apartment and Property Regulation Act (PAPRA)," the spokesperson of the GMADA said.

"Senior officials of the department cautioned the general public not to undertake any construction/re-construction on the land outside Lal-dora or phirni of any village falling under the jurisdiction of GMADA without obtaining prior approval from the competent authority or convert the land into plots without obtaining licence or carve out any colony without obtaining Change of Land Use," the spokesperson said.

The GMADA said the action was a warning to all the persons who are indulging in illegal constructions or setting up unauthorised colonies. "Stern action will be taken against the violators and drives of similar nature will be carried out in different ar-

reas under the jurisdiction of various development authorities across the state," the spokesperson said.

Meanwhile, in an early morning drive, the enforcement wing of Municipal Corporation Chandigarh (MCC) on Saturday also removed encroachments and illegal vendors on the outer road of Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research and at Sector 22.

"During the drive, nine sub-inspectors of the enforcement wing were deputed and nine truck load of material was removed. The drive was held from 5 am to 6.45 am, during which 176 challans were issued to the encroachers," the MCC spokesperson said.

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## 23 booked for obstructing demolition drive in Mohali

30 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES RAZED JCB machine also damaged by accused

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**MOHALI:** Launching a major demolition drive against illegal constructions, the regulatory wing of Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA) razed around 30 structures in Jhampur village and nearby areas under its jurisdiction on Saturday.

A team of officials, led by estate officer (regulatory) Pooja Syal Grewal and around 40 police personnel, pressed three JCB machines into action for the six-hour long drive.

However, the team was attacked by some miscreants. While JCB machine was damaged, no official was injured as the police brought the situation under control. After GMADA wrote to Balongi station house officer to take action in the matter, the police booked around 23 people under Sections 186 (obstructing public servant in discharge of public functions), 148 (riotous, armed with deadly

### ENCROACHMENTS REMOVED OUTSIDE PGI, SEC 22

**CHANDIGARH:** The enforcement wing of municipal corporation conducted an anti-encroachment drive outside Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), and at Sector 22 market on Saturday morning.

The drive started at 5am

and ended at 6.45am with nine truckload of material removed and seized. As many as 176 challans were issued during the drive. The drives were carried out under the supervision of enforcement Inspector Sumil Dutt, who was assisted by nine sub-inspectors of enforce-

ment wing. The drives were carried out peacefully and no untoward incident took place.

Most of the violators had left their articles on MC land in violation of the rules which says that vendors can't keep their goods overnight on MC land. **HTC**

### GMADA HAD PRESSED 3 JCB MACHINES INTO ACTION FOR 6-HOUR LONG DRIVE AT JHAMPUR VILLAGE

weapon), 147 (rioting) and 353 (assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

"Around 30 under-construction residential and commercial

structures were demolished. Action was taken under the provisions of the Punjab Apartment and Property Regulation (PAPRA) Act," said Rajesh Dhiman, additional chief administrator, GMADA.

Senior officials of the department cautioned the public not to undertake any construction/reconstruction on land outside Lal Dora of any villages falling under GMADA's jurisdiction without obtaining prior approval from the competent authority or

convert land into plots without obtaining license or carve out any colony without obtaining change of land use.

They said the action was a warning to all those who were indulging in illegal constructions or setting up of unauthorised colonies. The officials said stern action will be taken against the violators and drives of similar nature will be carried in different areas under the jurisdiction of various development authorities across the state.