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## Illegal slaughterhouses closed down in Ranchi

RANCHI: Many illegal slaughterhouses were closed down in Ranchi on Thursday as the 72 hours ultimatum ended today.

"Who will employ me at this age? We will leave this work if the government provides us jobs," Sarwar Ali, an illegal slaughterhouse owner told ANI.

The Jharkhand Government earlier on Monday issued an order for closure of all illegal slaughterhouses in the state within 72 hours.

The government's decision came on the heels of a demand by right wing organizations including Hindu Jagran Manch (HJM), Bajrang Das and Jharkhand Gau Raksha Dal, for a blanket ban on slaughterhouses.

Jharkhand Urban Development Minister C.P. Singh earlier on Tuesday also wrote letter to the Chief Minister Raghubar Das appealing to shut down the illegal slaughter houses.

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The move came at a time when the state of Uttar Pradesh is witnessing a ban on illegal slaughterhouses.