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## 14 shopkeepers fined during PMC drive

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PATNA: Following the Patna High Court directive and subsequent order issued by urban development department principal secretary Afzal Amannullah, a joint team of Patna Municipal Corporation (PMC) and district administration launched an anti-encroachment drive on Monday.

On the very first day of the drive, which was launched from near St Joseph's Convent on Ashok Rajpath, as many as 14 shopkeepers were fined for dumping goods on pavements and a fine of Rs 6,000 was realized from them.

Shops which had come on the footpaths were removed and 10 pushcarts too were seized during the drive.

Led by PMC executive engineer Brahmdeo Dubey, the joint team was accompanied by police force to tackle any untoward incident during the anti-encroachment drive.

The team would undertake the drive between the stretch of Kargil Chowk and Maurya Hotel on Tuesday, PMC new capital area executive officer Vinay S Verma, who was supervising the drive, told TOI.

He said the drive would be undertaken along the main roads -- Bailey Road, Exhibition Road, Fraser Road, Station Road, Boring Road, Boring Canal Road, part of Ashok Rajpath, Veer Chand Patel Road, Buddha Road and Museum Road -- in the coming days and by lanes along these main roads too would be freed from encroachment.