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PMC conducts drive against encroachments

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PUNE: The Pune Municipal Corporation conducted anti-encroachment drives on Monday at different places in the city, including Wagdaon Dhayri, the slums opposite Shivajinagar court, Vishrambaugwada area and on Pune-Solapur road.

The civic body has sent notices to all those living in unauthorised dwellings before conducting drives.

About 4,500 square feet area was cleared in Wadgaon Dhayri, where the land was reserved for bio-diversity parks.

Four pucca' constructions were razed during the drive on Monday. Two JCBs, 10 police personnel and more than 20 labourers were deployed at the site.

Municipal commissioner Mahesh Zagade had issued orders to all officers to initiate action against unauthorised constructions as per the Maharashtra Regional and Town Planning Act.

Zagade has ordered ward officers to take sustained action and

to jointly conduct drives with two or more ward offices so that the unauthorised constructions don't come up again.