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## **CMC launches drive to remove illegal water connections**

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Bijapur: Responding to mounting pressure from the public, the Bijapur City Municipal Council (CMC) began a drive to remove illegal water connections in Bijapur city on Tuesday.

A special team, equipped with an excavator, dug up roads around Darbar High School, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Stadium and Godavari Hotel to check for illegal connections from the pipeline supplying drinking water. Thirteen illegal connections were found. CMC authorities told *The Hindu* that the operation would continue for a week, during which all areas within the city limits would be checked.

People with illegal connections would be let off with a warning, while those who repeat such activities would have criminal cases booked against them, they said.

The CMC's drive has been initiated after a month of protests by people in front of the CMC Commissioner's office demanding action against illegal connections.