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Corporation clears encroachments

Structures, shops obstructing traffic flow and those on footpaths removed



Removing bottlenecks: Workers of the Vellore Corporation removing encroachments on New Sitting Bazaar on Tuesday.— Photo : C. Venkatachalapathy

In a bid to ease traffic congestion, the Vellore Corporation on Tuesday removed encroachments from Mandy Street, Old Bus Stand area and New Sitting Bazaar. The areas are heavily congested and mostly heavily crowded.

Official said they cleared the encroachments following directions from the Collector and Superintendent of Police during the traffic regulation meeting.

Temporary structures

“As these were temporary encroachments, we made announcements through tom-tom recently. But the shopkeepers did not pay heed to our instructions, and so we launched the eviction drive,” an officer of the Vellore Corporation said.

Temporary structures put up by vendors, stands and shops on cycles were removed during the drive that was conducted from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. “These shops were obstructing traffic flow. To enable smooth flow of traffic, we had to remove them,” he added. Encroachments on the footpaths were also cleared during the drive.