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Encroachments removed

The City Corporation has cleared permanent structures at a few places along a water course at Jeeva Nagar leading to Ganirowther tank, covering a 1.5 km stretch.

The action initiated on Saturday follows repeated complaints from environmentalists and local public about the havoc wreaked on the water body by blocked channels.

District Revenue Officer R. Satheesh had issued an order for removing encroachments to a distance of 15 metres surrounding the tank.

The City Corporation used heavy machinery to demolish the structures in an operation jointly supervised by Erode Tahsildar Mohana, Deputy Superintendent of Police Sampath and Assistant Commissioner of Corporation Zone II Ashok Kumar.

In the wake of sustained campaign spearheaded by Ganirowther Retrieval Movement, the State Government had recently sanctioned Rs. 10 crore for cleaning the water body, beautifying it and removing encroachments.