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## **Municipality seals buildings in Udhagamandalam**

The Udhagamandalam Municipality sealed three unapproved buildings located in the town municipal limits on Thursday.

A team comprising more than 15 municipality officials, along with the Nilgiris district police went to the buildings located along Willow Bund Road, Coonoor Road and Khandal. The officials evicted the people residing in the buildings and closed them.

The building owners appealed against the closure, but the Department of Municipal Administration and Water Supply had ordered for the illegal constructions to be closed down, officials from the municipality said.

This was the first day of the eviction drive which is to be carried out by the municipality to clear occupancy of unapproved constructions.

Town Planning Inspector N. Palanichamy said that there were 1,330 cases pertaining to illegal constructions in Udhagamandalam, which would be acted upon on a

case-to-case basis in the coming days.

Officials said that the Department of Municipal Administration and Water Supply had directed that water and electricity to the illegal buildings be cut off. The closure of unapproved buildings would continue on the orders of Municipality Commissioner (in-charge), C. Ravi.