

CITY ILLEGAL HOARDINGS, FLAGS REMOVED

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A joint squad of the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) and the Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA) on Tuesday removed illegal hoardings and flags from various stretches across the city, including the 'No Hoarding Zones'.

The enforcement activity, which continued till evening in the post-lunch session, collected a massive three truckloads of materials removed, which not only included flags and hoardings of various political parties, but also New Year welcome messages from organisations, institutions and political

The joint squad in the pre-lunch session removed hoardings and flags from Sishu Bhawan to New Airport Square, New Airport to Ravindra Mandap Square, AG Square to Raj Mahal Square. During post-lunch session, it worked between Rajmahal and Master Canteen and Rajmahal to Kalpana Square area. Sources said while around 250 small and big hoardings were removed on the first day of action for BMC this year, the enforcement activity will also continue on Wednesday. It can be mentioned here that in order to make the city skyline clean and without any illegal hoarding, the BMC had convened a meeting of all political parties on Saturday last in order to have a consensus on effective implementation of hoarding regulations and policies.

All political parties had promised that they would also follow the regulations strictly and never put hoardings in No Hoarding Zones. It was also decided at the meeting that BMC would bring out a simple format where individual political parties can apply beforehand for putting banners or hoardings in permitted areas.