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AMC to sent notices for non-payment of house tax

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ALLAHABAD: The authorities of Allahabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) are planning to send notices to the owners of the houses traced through the geographical information system (GIC) and have not deposited the house tax.

The AMC has undertaken the survey of the houses located within the municipal limits through the GIS system. The civic authorities had earlier opposed the idea of survey through the system as they thought it would not to be possible to decipher the existence of the house through it. Finally, permission was granted to start the survey with the help of a private firm.

The survey revealed that there are more houses than already registered with AMC. It also came to light that the AMC staff do not carry out the survey work properly.

The GIS survey found that there are about 1,84,000 houses located within the municipal limits. About 20,000 houses have not been registered with the AMC. These included houses which had been constructed recently.

Pointedly, as the city is expanding, there is lot of construction activity going on in the peripheral regions of the municipal limits

and lots of houses have been constructed in these areas. these records are not in the records of the municipal corporation. The AMC staff should have visited the newer areas and shown interest in registering the houses in these places but they failed to do so.

Additional municipal commissioner GN Shukla told TOI that notices are being sent to the owners of the houses traced through the GIS system. The house owners who have not deposited the tax for many years would have to pay fine.