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## Pay property tax after work, centre to stay open till 10pm

GURGAON: The MCG Citizen Facilitation Centre (CFC) for property tax collection will now remain open till 10pm every day, even on Sundays and holidays. The usual closing time for the centre is 7pm.

This order was passed by the municipal commissioner, Praveen Kumar, to facilitate working residents to deposit the tax after finishing their office work. The last date for residents to avail themselves of the house tax rebate is December 31.

"After the extension of the date for rebate by the state government, the property tax collection has gained momentum. So far, about Rs 369 crore has been collected in Gurgaon, of which Rs 150 crore has been collected this year alone," said Anju Chaudhary, joint commissioner, MCG.

"As per the survey conducted by the MCG in 2010, there were about 3 lakh properties in the MCG area then. Out of these, owners of about 65,000 properties have deposited their property tax during the current financial year and availed themselves of the rebate," she said.

The state government announced a property tax policy on October 11 this year in which those who pay tax by December

31, based on self assessment, would get a rebate of 30% for the period from 2008-09 to 2012-13 and 10% for the current financial year. Ten help desk counters have been set up at the CFC to help the tax payers. Similarly, five new counters have been set up to help locate their unique property IDs. In addition, there will be separate counters for women and senior citizens. The tax payers can pay their taxes online also or can deposit at any branch of Oriental Bank of Commerce in Gurgaon.

## **PAY NOW**

- Last date for residents to avail of house tax rebate is December 31
- After the deadline, MCG will send notices to those who have not paid the tax
- Tax can be recovered as land revenue arrears or rent from property. MCG can also confiscate the property