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On the wheels, to collect tax

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Municipal Chairman G.Baskaran inaugurated the mobile tax collection centre here on Monday.

The centre is equipped with a computer operated by officials of the municipality. It would go around the town to collect tax arrears and issue receipts on the spot.

After flagging off the mobile collection centre, Mr. Baskaran told reporters that tax arrears to be collected by the civic body amounted to over Rs. 14.12 crore.

However, in the past few months, the officials had intensified tax collection drive, after given directions by the municipal commissioner, and collected Rs. 6 crore. However, officials faced difficulties that has resulted in sluggish tax collection.

Mr. Baskaran stressed that only when the coffers of the civic body are filled through collection of taxes, including property tax, water cess and rent from shops, the municipality could take up development works and provide basic amenities to households.

He said it was implied that for the successful functioning of the municipality and providing basic amenities such as streetlights, roads, sanitation, health, hygiene and education (through municipality run schools), the civic body ought to get steady flow of revenue.

Hence, he appealed to all residents of the town to promptly pay their taxes.

The mobile tax collection centre would be doing the rounds to enable the residents to clear tax arrears without any hassle, Mr. Baskaran added.

Municipality Manager (Incharge) Mangaiyarkkarasi and Revenue Inspector Narayanan were present.

