



Space tech for tax collection

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ISRO to help BBMP crack under-assessment, bring new properties into tax net

Highlights

- The BBMP has come under severe criticism for realising only a fraction of the potential property tax collection.
- For instance, the Economic Survey 2016-17 of the Union Finance Ministry said Bengaluru and Jaipur were only collecting 5% - 20% of their potential property tax.
- The latest satellite images from the LISS-IV and Cartosat-1 data — the technology being adopted — with one-metre spatial resolution is being used as a base map for the exercise.
- ISRO will deploy shadow technology to estimate the height of each of these buildings, which will help identify any additional development of buildings already part of the tax net.
- Reports of the findings will be available ward-wise, helping shore up tax collection.
- The superimposed map will be available on a mobile app to help ward-level officials track the difference, and raise tax demands

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