



AMU Receives Ultimatum for House Tax Dues

Why in News?

[Aligarh Municipal Corporation \(AMC\)](#) issued a notice to [Aligarh Muslim University \(AMU\)](#), demanding the clearance of **pending house tax dues** totaling **Rs 24.4 crore** within 15 days.

Key Points

- AMC also warned of legal action under the **Uttar Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act, 1959** if the payment is delayed.
- According to AMC, **the dues pertain to 40 properties** owned by the university.
 - Tax payments for 22 properties had been cleared earlier, leaving **Rs 24.4 crore unpaid** for 18 properties.
- According to AMC's revenue assessment officer, the dues have been outstanding since 2017.
- The AMU had applied for a grant from the UGC to make payment timely.
 - There is a **provision that allows the [University Grant Commission \(UGC\)](#) to reimburse such payments**, and the university is in communication with the commission regarding this.

University Grants Commission (UGC)

- It came into existence on **28th December, 1953** and became a **statutory body** by an Act of Parliament in **1956**, for the **coordination, determination and maintenance of standards of teaching, examination and research in [university education](#)**.
 - It also regulates the recognition of **fake universities, autonomous colleges, deemed to be universities, and distance education institutions**.
- The **head office** of the **UGC** is located in **New Delhi**.