



Meerut Tops in GST Collection

Why in News?

In **April 2025** , **Meerut Zone of Uttar Pradesh** secured **first place** in the state in **GST collection** under the State Tax Department.

Key Points

- **About GST Collection:**
 - **According to the state tax department portal**, GST collection by Meerut zone in April 2024 was Rs 147.34 crore, while **the target for April 2025** was set at Rs 287.08 crore.
 - **Meerut Zone** achieved a major part of the target by collecting revenue of **Rs 211.87 crore in April this year**.
 - **The Excise Department** also made a significant contribution to the revenue, with **liquor sales earning Rs 103 crore in April 2025** , which is **Rs 42.04 crore more than Rs 78.96 crore** received last year (April 2024) .
 - This success has been possible due to **increasing tax compliance, awareness among traders, improvements in ITC rules** and strengthening of **digital monitoring systems** .
 - **The expansion of industries such as telecommunications, manufacturing, education and the service sector** has fueled this accumulation.
- **Others:**
 - **Lucknow's Corporate Circle Headquarters** remained at the **second position** in the state.
 - **Gautam Buddha Nagar, Lucknow Second Zone** and **Bareilly Zone** remained at the third, fourth and fifth positions respectively.

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Goods and Services Tax

- **Introduction:** GST is a value added tax system levied on the supply of goods and services in India.
 - It is a comprehensive indirect tax which was implemented in India on July 1, 2017 through

the **101st Constitutional Amendment Act, 2016** with the slogan '**One Nation One Tax**' .

▪ **Benefits of GST:**

- **Simplified tax regime:** GST replaced several indirect taxes, making compliance easier and reducing paperwork for businesses.
- **Increased Transparency:** The online GST portal simplifies tax administration and promotes transparency in the system.
- **Reduction in tax burden:** The elimination of cascading taxes benefits consumers as prices are lower.
- **Boost economic growth:** By removing tax barriers and improving efficiency, GST is expected to contribute to higher economic growth and job creation.

▪ **GST Council:** The GST Council is a constitutional body responsible for making recommendations on issues relating to the implementation of GST in India .

- The GST Council was **constituted by the President** as per **Article 279A (1)** of the amended Constitution.

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