

ROBUST START TO NEW FISCAL

# April GST Defies Headwinds to Post Record-shattering Mop-up

Collection surges 12.6% to ₹2.4 Lcr, powered by a wider net and strong consumption demand

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**New Delhi:** Gross goods and services tax (GST) collection surged 12.6% year-on-year in April to a record ₹2.37 lakh crore, in a buoyant start to this financial year. The surge reflects strong domestic consumption, greater formalisation of the economy and improved compliance.

Net GST receipts, which factor in

refunds, also scaled a fresh peak of ₹2.09 lakh crore last month, up 9.1% from a year before, showed official data released Thursday.

**"The figures showcase the resilience of the Indian economy and the effectiveness of cooperative federalism," Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman wrote on X.**

The robust growth came on an unfavourable base—gross collection had hit the previous high of ₹2.10 lakh crore in April 2024—and despite external headwinds. It also marked the continuation of strong collections in recent months, after a 9.9% year-on-year increase in March to ₹1.96 lakh crore and 9.1% improvement in February to ₹1.84 lakh crore.

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