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

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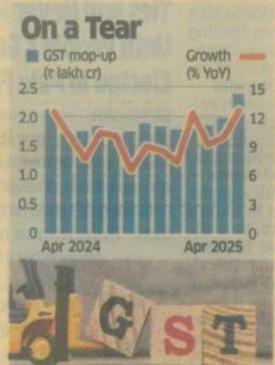
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New Delhi: Gross goods and services tax (GST) collection surged 12.6% year-on-year in April to a record ₹2.37 lakh crore, in a buoyant start to this financial year. The surge reflects strong domestic consumption, greater formalisation of the economy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