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APRIL GST COLLECTION: RS.2.43 LAKH CRORE

- This is the highest GST amount collected in a single month. Previously, the collection of Rs. 2.36 lakh crore in April 2025 was the highest.
- "In April 2026, Rs. 2.43 lakh crore has been collected as GST. Revenue received through domestic transactions increased by 4.3 percent and was recorded at Rs. 1.85 lakh crore.
- Revenue received through imports increased by 25.8 percent and stands at Rs. 57,580 crore.
- The total amount refunded is Rs. 31,793 crore (a 19.3 percent increase). It was stated that the total net GST revenue increased by 7.3 percent and was recorded at Rs. 2.11 lakh crore."
- Since the GST rates were reduced to two (5%, 18%) last September, the prices of about 375 items have decreased.

104.23 METRIC TONNES OF GOLD RETURNED HOME!

- The total gold reserves, which stood at 880.18 metric tonnes at the end of September last year, have increased to 880.52 metric tonnes by the end of this March.
- In this, the amount of gold held domestically, which was 575.82 metric tonnes last September, has now been increased to 680.05 metric tonnes with the transfer of 104.23 metric tonnes of gold.
- In the current total reserves, only 197.67 metric tonnes of gold remain under the custody of the Bank of England and the Bank for International Settlements (BIS). Apart from this, there are 2.80 metric tonnes in gold deposits.
- As the price of gold continues to rise in the international market, the share of gold in India's total foreign exchange reserves has increased from 13.92 percent to 16.7 percent.
- Out of the \$55,228 crore foreign exchange reserves, approximately \$46,561 crore has been invested in securities.
- The Reserve Bank of India stated that the remaining amount is kept as deposits in foreign central banks and commercial banks.

INDIA'S FIRST BARRIER-FREE TOLL PLAZA: LAUNCHED IN GUJARAT

- This new service has been introduced at the Choryasi toll plaza located on the Surat-Bharuch National Highway-48 route.
- Under this, vehicles do not need to stop to pay the toll fee.
- Modern technologies such as Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR), Artificial Intelligence analysis, and FASTag have been integrated to collect the toll fee while the vehicle is in motion through cameras and QR codes.
- "Under this new toll fee collection system, traffic congestion, vehicle emissions, and human intervention at toll plazas will be reduced. The fuel efficiency of vehicles will improve.
- Furthermore, ease of doing business is encouraged, ensuring the rapid transport of goods and logistics across the country," he noted.

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