

UP's GST, VAT collections till July jump to ₹37k crore

CM: AI-based Scrutiny A Model For All

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Lucknow: GST and VAT collections for 2023-24 in Uttar Pradesh have touched Rs 37,000 crore till July. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday said that this record collection shows that the efforts being put in by the government towards revenue generation are in the right direction. In 2021-22, a revenue of Rs 98,107 crore was collected, which in 2022-23 went up to Rs 1,07,406 crore.

The CM asked the officials to crack the whip on tax evaders and make efforts to achieve

ve this year's target of GST collections, Rs 1.5 lakh crore, in mission mode.

"Tax evasion is a national loss. To prevent it, the teams should carry out raids involving capable and efficient officers. There should be confidentiality in such matters. The AI-based return scrutiny adopted by UP has now become a model for other states. Such innovations must continue to be used," he said.

Reviewing tax collection in

the state, the CM said that UP also had the maximum number of registered traders under GST in the country. In 2022-23, 3.43 lakh new registrations were done while in 2023-24, 1 lakh new registrations took place between April and July.

He also directed the officials concerned to carry out reviews of the working of commercial tax officers up to joint commissioner level, and said that officers should be graded on the basis of their performance and accordingly given promotions etc.

"It is every trader's duty to file GST returns. It is good to know that UP is among the top states in the country in filing returns. Around 95% of those who failed to file returns till the due date, have now filed their returns. Traders should be given training in how to file

returns," he said.

The CM said that with the entire GST system being made online, a lot of data is now available which can be analysed through artificial intelligence and other IT tools to increase revenue generation. For sensitive items on which there is tax evasion, a sector-wise strategy should be formulated. To prevent tax evasion, a standard operating procedure should be prepared and officers must be given intensive training, he said.

Speaking about the welfare of GST registered traders, he said that the state government had introduced a provision to provide financial assistance in case of death or permanent disability. In case of death of a trader in any accident, a financial assistance of Rs 10 lakh will be given to the family.