

UP's own tax revenue to GSDP ratio surpasses national average

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Lucknow: The recent state budget report by the Reserve Bank of India shows that UP's own tax to Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) ratio was higher than the national average over the past three years.

The state reported a ratio of 7.6% in 2022-23, 9.8% in 2023-24, and 10% in 2024-25. Against this, the national average was 6.5%, 7.0% and 7.2% respectively.

The own tax revenue to GSDP ratio is the proportion of a state's own tax income to its total economic output and is a key indicator of a state's ability to generate revenue from its own resources.

The state's GSDP grew from Rs 12.75 lakh crore in 2017 to Rs 27.51 lakh crore currently, with a target of Rs 30.77 lakh crore set for 2025-26.

A govt spokesperson said a crackdown on corruption and fiscal prudence allowed the state to become revenue surplus.

"An example of this is that funds for 207 schemes across 11 departments, including 113 schemes of the Central Govt, are being disbursed via Direct Benefit Transfer, eliminating the need for middlemen. In 2024-25 alone, over Rs 1 lakh crore was transferred to more than 9 crore beneficiaries, saving the govt approximately Rs 10,000 crore through DBT efficiencies," the official added.