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Houselisting Phase 1.

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Editor's briefing and contents

April 2026 GST collections lead this edition, followed by the start of Census 2027 houselisting field work and a new Chairman and MD at HAL.

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Economy and Finance

GST gross collections at Rs 2,42,702 crore in April 2026, up 8.7 per cent

1 May 2026 | GST Council Secretariat / GST portal (monthly data for April 2026)

The GST portal's monthly data for April 2026, as on 30 April 2026, shows total gross GST revenue of Rs 2,42,702 crore, against Rs 2,23,265 crore in April 2025, growth of 8.7 per cent. The figures are provisional and may vary slightly on finalisation.

Gross domestic revenue was Rs 1,85,122 crore (up 4.3 per cent) and gross import revenue was Rs 57,580 crore (up 25.8 per cent). Total refunds were Rs 31,793 crore (up 19.3 per cent), leaving total net GST revenue of Rs 2,10,909 crore, up 7.3 per cent.

Key facts

Gross GST revenue, April 2026: Rs 2,42,702 crore (April 2025: Rs 2,23,265 crore)

Growth: 8.7 per cent

Gross domestic revenue: Rs 1,85,122 crore (up 4.3%); imports: Rs 57,580 crore (up 25.8%)

Net GST revenue: Rs 2,10,909 crore (up 7.3%); figures provisional

Exam takeaway: Gross GST revenue is collections before refunds; net revenue is gross revenue minus refunds.

One-minute recall: GST gross collections April 2026: Rs 2,42,702 crore, up 8.7%; net Rs 2,10,909 crore.

GST Council Secretariat / GST portal (monthly data for April 2026)

Government Schemes

Census 2027: Houselisting field operations begin in six States/UTs; Self-Enumeration opens in five more

1 May 2026 | Press Information Bureau

PIB said on 1 May 2026 that field operations for Houselisting and Housing Census, Phase 1 of Census 2027, began in Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana, Chandigarh, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh after the 15-day Self-Enumeration period. House-to-house visits by enumerators continue until 30 May 2026.

Self-Enumeration, introduced for the first time in Census 2027, also began on 1 May in the MCD area of Delhi, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Meghalaya and Jharkhand and runs until 15 May 2026. House-to-house operations there are from 16 May to 14 June 2026. Around 82 lakh households had used the facility through the portal se.census.gov.in. In Bihar, house-to-house operations run from 2 to 31 May 2026.

Key facts

Phase 1: Houselisting and Housing Census, Census 2027

Field operations: from 1 May to 30 May 2026 in six States/UTs

Self-Enumeration portal: se.census.gov.in; first time in a Census

About 82 lakh households had used Self-Enumeration

Exam takeaway: Data collected under the Census Act, 1948 is confidential and used for statistical purposes and planning, PIB said.

One-minute recall: Census 2027 Phase 1: Houselisting field work from 1 May; Self-Enumeration first time (82 lakh households).

Press Information Bureau

Appointments, Awards and Important Days

Ravi K appointed Chairman and Managing Director of HAL

1 May 2026 | The Economic Times (ANI)

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) appointed Kota Ravi as its 22nd Chairman and Managing Director as Dr D K Sunil stepped down on Friday, 1 May 2026, The Economic Times reported citing ANI. Ravi was earlier HAL's Director (Operations) and has over 30 years of experience in aerospace and defence, manufacturing and electronics.

The report says he led strategic planning and played a key role in HAL securing Maharatna status, and is a Mechanical Engineering graduate of Malnad College of Engineering, Karnataka and an alumnus of IIM Ahmedabad.

Key facts

Post: 22nd Chairman and Managing Director, HAL

Appointee: Kota Ravi (Ravi K)

Predecessor: Dr D K Sunil, stepped down 1 May 2026

Previous post: Director (Operations), HAL

Exam takeaway: HAL is a defence public sector undertaking, and the report links its Maharatna status to the appointee's earlier role.

One-minute recall: HAL CMD: Ravi K (22nd) succeeds Dr D K Sunil, 1 May 2026 (ET/ANI).

The Economic Times (ANI)

Rapid revision and vocabulary

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Gross GST revenue: Collections before refunds.

Net GST revenue: Gross revenue minus refunds.

Houselisting: Phase 1 Census survey of houses and housing conditions.

Self-Enumeration: Online facility for households to fill census data.

CMD: Chairman and Managing Director.

Rapid-revision prompts

How much was gross GST in April 2026?

What is new about Census 2027 enumeration?

Who is HAL's new CMD?

Sources and publication information

Every figure comes from the linked source page for that story. Where an official page was not read, the story names the publication that reported it. Items we could not verify, or whose outcome was not settled, were left out. This edition has 3 stories because that is what we could verify for the day.

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