Madhya Pradesh Tops April GST Collection | Madhya Pradesh | 02 May 2024

Why in News?

Madhya Pradesh has secured the top position among states in India for achieving a 30% increase in **Goods and Services Tax (GST)** collection in April 2024 fiscal year compared to the corresponding period of 2023.

Key Points

- In April, the nation witnessed an **11% increase in GST revenue collection.**
- The country achieved a historic milestone with total GST collections reaching Rs 2.10 lakh crore in the initial month of the fiscal year.
- Total number of registered GST payers in the state has increased to more than 5 lakh.

The Goods and Services Tax (GST)

- It is a **value-added tax** levied on most goods and services sold for domestic consumption. The GST is paid by consumers, but it is **remitted to the government by the businesses** selling the goods and services.
- **Features of GST:**
  - **Applicable On Supply Side**: GST is applicable on 'supply' of goods or services as against the old concept on the manufacture of goods or on sale of goods or on provision of services.
  - **Destination Based Taxation:** GST is based on the principle of destination-based consumption taxation as against the present principle of origin-based taxation.
  - **Dual GST:** It is a dual GST with the Centre and the States simultaneously levying tax on a common base. The GST to be levied by the Centre is called Central GST (CGST) and that to be levied by the States is called State GST (SGST).
    - Import of goods or services would be treated as inter-state supplies and would be subject to Integrated Goods & Services Tax (IGST) in addition to the applicable customs duties.
  - **GST Rates to be Mutually Decided:** CGST, SGST & IGST are levied at rates to be mutually agreed upon by the Centre and the States. The rates are notified on the recommendation of the GST Council.
  - **Multiple Rates:** Initially GST was levied at four rates viz. 5%, 12%, 16% and 28%. The schedule or list of items that would fall under these multiple slabs are worked out by the GST council.