



DGTS, Mumbai Zonal Unit Organised Seminar on “GST Awareness- Understanding Basics of GST” at PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, Colaba, Mumbai

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The Directorate General of Taxpayer Services, Mumbai Zonal Unit (DGTS, MZU), organised a Tax Literacy Outreach Programme on **“GST Awareness – Understanding Basics of GST”** at **PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, Colaba, Mumbai** as part of its mandate to promote tax literacy and enhance awareness of indirect tax laws and procedures. The programme aimed to familiarise school students with the fundamental concepts of Goods and Services Tax (GST), promote tax literacy from an early age, and foster an understanding of the role of taxation in nation-building, economic development and responsible citizenship through an interactive and student-centric approach.



The programme commenced with the welcome of **Principal Additional Director General, DGTS, MZU, Shri Sumit Kumar** and the officers of DGTS, MZU, by **PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) No. 1, Colaba, Mumbai**, (the oldest KV in the country). This was followed by the felicitation by **DGTS, MZU**, of the students of PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, who were winners and participants in various **GST Day competitions**. This was conducted to popularise the understanding of the taxation system and to spread financial and tax literacy among school students, with enthusiastic participation by students of **Classes IX to XII**. Certificates and GST awareness books were distributed to the students in recognition of their enthusiastic participation and creativity. The event provided an opportunity for the students to showcase their understanding of GST and the values of responsible citizenship. The **GST Day Awareness Video** and **International Customs Day Video**, released by CBIC, were also screened during the programme.

Addressing the students, Shri Sumit Kumar, highlighted the significance of GST as a landmark reform in India's indirect tax system and explained the role of taxation in nation-building and public welfare. He also highlighted the diverse career opportunities in taxation and public administration.

The technical session on GST was delivered by Joint Director, DGTS, Mumbai Zonal Unit, Dr. Chandrakant V. Kedar. The students were familiarised with the broad GST compliance framework, taxpayer assistance mechanisms and the administrative structure of GST.



These programs reflect DGTS's continued commitment to strengthening taxpayer outreach, with a focused emphasis on the MSME sector, taxpayer education, and effective grievance redressal. Such engagements, including collaborations with industry and academic institutions, play a crucial role in enhancing awareness of governance frameworks, improving compliance, and fostering an informed and empowered taxpayer base.

About DGTS:

The Directorate General of Taxpayer Services (DGTS), a wing under the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, functions with the mandate of strengthening taxpayer services, taxpayer education and awareness, stakeholder engagement, grievance redressal and public outreach.

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