

Tax evasion of 4 crore detected at Biharsharif

The income tax (I-T) officials on Wednesday conducted a survey at five private coaching centres at Biharsharif in Nalanda district and detected tax evasion of around Rs4 crore. I-T department sources said the survey was conducted at A to Z Chemistry near Dhaneshwar Ghat, New Competitive Cente near Guru Kripa Utsav Hall, Kumar Classes in Doctors' Colony, Sanjeev Classes and Vikas Coaching near Naz cinema hall.

Commissioner, income tax, Patna-1, Arvind Kumar, said, "The evidence indicates substantial tax evasion."

Earlier on September 10, I-T officials conducted a similar survey at three private coaching centres in Gaya town and detected tax evasion of around Rs3 crore. Three weeks ago, a similar survey was conducted at two private coaching centres at Hajipur and three coaching centres at Ara. Tax evasion of around Rs5.75 crore was detected from these two district towns.

"The coaching centre business has taken the shape of an industry in Bihar. There is a phenomenal growth in money transaction in this sector, not only in Patna but also in II-tier cities like Gaya, Ara and Biharsharif. These surveys are being conducted to have a demonstrative effect on tax evaders because the I-T department has not been receiving expected tax from this sector," a senior I-T official said.

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