

# India Justice Report: 2023 Wrapped

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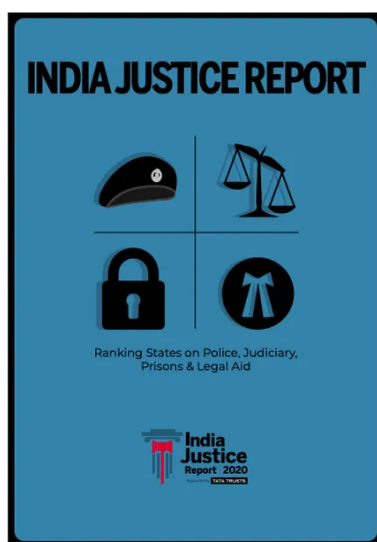
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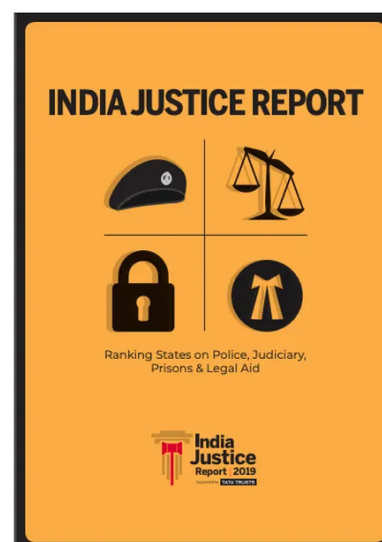
2023 has been a special year for the IJR as we hit our stride as an independent collective. We released the third edition (hat trick!) and also completed five years of our work—an important milestone in our journey.



IJR 2022



IJR 2020



IJR 2019

In our pursuit of providing comprehensive information, we transcended the conventional reliance on government websites and delved into an extensive investigative approach. Going above and beyond, we filed 313 Right to Information (RTI) applications to key stakeholders, including the Police Department, the Office of the Chief Secretary, the Forensics Department, the State Legal Services Authority, and the State Human Rights Commissions.



We enriched our existing reports with the inclusion of State Human Rights Commissions (SHRCs), amplifying the depth of our research.



We added a dedicated section to the compliance with the Paramveer Singh Saini judgment on the installation of CCTV cameras in police stations.



We added 15 new indicators to provide our readers a more nuanced peek into the world of justice delivery.

If you are looking to quickly review national and state-specific information, we offer comprehensive factsheets for you on our website.

**National Factsheet**  
India Justice Report 2022

**Madhya Pradesh**  
India Justice Report 2022

Rank among 38 large & mid-sized states			
IR 1 (2019)	IR 2 (2020)	IR 3 (2022)	Change
Overall	5	16	9
Police	15	18	7
Prisons	7	8	7
Judiciary	6	11	10
Legal Aid	5	12	14

**Sikkim**  
India Justice Report 2022

Rank among 7 small states			
IR 1 (2019)	IR 2 (2020)	IR 3 (2022)	Change
Overall	2	2	1
Police	1	1	1
Prisons	7	6	4
Judiciary	1	1	1
Legal Aid	4	3	1

**Odisha**  
IR 2022 Rank among 38 large & mid-sized states: 11<sup>th</sup>  
IR 2019 Rank: 7<sup>th</sup>

Overall	Police	Prisons	Judiciary	Legal Aid
11 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
7 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>

**Bihar**  
IR 2022 Rank among 38 large & mid-sized states: 13<sup>th</sup>  
IR 2019 Rank: 17<sup>th</sup>

Overall	Police	Prisons	Judiciary	Legal Aid
13 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
17 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>

**National Factsheet**  
India Justice Report 2020

**Haryana**  
IR 2019 Rank among 38 large and mid-sized states: 5<sup>th</sup>

Overall	Police	Prisons	Judiciary	Legal aid
5 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>

**West Bengal**  
IR 2019 Rank among 38 large and mid-sized states: 12<sup>th</sup>

Overall	Police	Prisons	Judiciary	Legal aid
12 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>

*It is always a work in progress!*



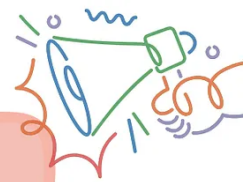
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*This year, some states gave us reasons for **small celebrations** with improvements in their justice delivery systems.*



Karnataka tops IJR 3 rankings



States are increasing budget allocation for legal aid.



Nationally, share of women in subordinate judiciary crossed 33% .



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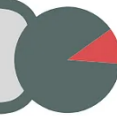
*But that is not all.*

*We also hit some **shadowy spots!***

Prison occupancy across the country over 130%- highest since 2010.....About 80% awaiting trial.



Women only 11.75% of police force, despite doubling in the last decade.



On an average, more than 8500 cases are pending per High Court Judge and about 2000 cases per subordinate court judges



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## **Making IJR accessible**

In our commitment to broadening accessibility, we have translated the IJR 2022 into Hindi, making our findings available to a wider audience. Additionally, we are currently engaged in ongoing work of translating the report into Marathi and Tamil, with plans to release these versions in the coming year. By providing translations in regional languages, we aim to ensure that our research is accessible to diverse communities, fostering a more inclusive dissemination of information and furthering our dedication to making impactful insights available to a broader spectrum of readers.

Recognizing the challenge of sifting through a 200-page report for nuanced data points, we took a few proactive steps to enhance accessibility. We launched an interactive website where all information is readily available and easily navigable. This platform ensures a user-friendly experience, enabling

stakeholders to efficiently access and explore specific data points without the need to navigate through an extensive document.

## **Measuring caste in police: Analysis of 4 election-going states.**

In Oct-Nov this year, IJR conducted a detailed analyses of vacancies and diversity in police and judiciary in four states that went for elections- Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Telangana.



This analysis was covered widely by the local media.

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# Upcoming Projects

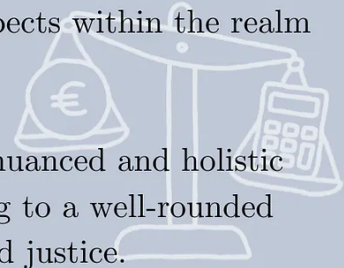
IJR's constant effort is to open new areas - mystified nooks, corners and layers of the justice sector as a whole. This year we started work on on three new projects.

## Budget Study

Expanding on our examination of the capacity of justice delivery systems, IJR has initiated a budget study in collaboration with the Institute of Policy Studies and Advocacy (IPSA) to deliver a comprehensive analysis of budgets spanning the four pillars of justice.

This project signifies our commitment to enhancing the depth and scope of our research, ensuring a thorough examination of financial aspects within the realm of justice.

Through this partnership, we aspire to provide a more nuanced and holistic understanding of budgetary considerations, contributing to a well-rounded perspective on the intersection of finances and justice.



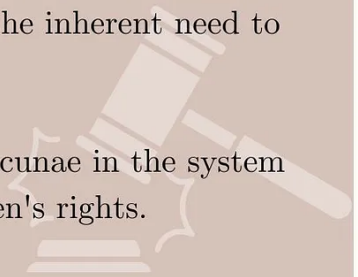
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## *Juvenile Justice*

Given that juvenile justice traverses all four pillars of the justice system—police, judiciary, legal aid, and prisons—we at IJR have undertaken a comprehensive capacity assessment.

To facilitate this evaluation, we have initiated the process of sending out 261 RTI applications. Recognising the critical importance of ensuring the protection of children within a flawed justice system, our focus is on the inherent need to safeguard their rights.

In this context, we aim to highlight the existing gaps or lacunae in the system that may hinder the effective protection of children's rights.



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## *Consumer Commissions*

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Acknowledging the paramount importance of consumer rights, IJR initiated a study that meticulously analyzes the capacity of consumer commissions to deliver justice.

In undertaking this research initiative, we aim to assess the effectiveness and capabilities of consumer commissions in upholding these rights.

This study not only contributes to the broader understanding of consumer justice but could also serve as a catalyst for potential improvements in the system.

## Engagement with key stakeholders



IJR collaborated with the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy to prepare a report for NITI Aayog, focusing on strategies to enhance justice delivery systems in line with Mission India @ 2047 objectives.



Following the launch of the report in April 2023, our attention shifted to disseminating it widely across the board. We shared our findings with relevant stakeholders through letters and emails. In response, we received invitations to engage in comprehensive discussions about our findings and how these could contribute to enhancing the health of the justice delivery system.

We presented our key findings to the Chief Secretary, Director General of Prisons and legal aid authorities in Karnataka; the Director General of Prisons in West Bengal; as well as the High Court Chief Justice; the Member Secretary of the State Legal Services Authority and Chairperson of the State Human Rights Commission in Tamil Nadu.

The team also met Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, the Executive Chairperson of the National Legal Services Authority and the new member secretary.

Besides the direct engagement, IJR has been regularly cited by Rajya Sabha's Standing Committee on Law and Justice as well as by reports by the NITI Aayog and other international reports on law and justice.

**Himachal Pradesh Police** @himachalpolice

India Justice Report of TATA TRUST has ranked Himachal Pradesh second amongst small states in police ranking.

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TN Prison Dept. Secures No. 1 Spot, Tops various categories in India Justice Report

Chennai: Fewer overcrowded prisons, an increased representation of women among prison staff and fewer suicides have helped Tamil Nadu's prisons department to emerge as the number one in the country, according to the India Justice Report (IJR) 2022. For Tamil Nadu prisons department, this is a historical jump as it was ranked 10th in IJR 2018 and sixth in IJR 2020.

The report tracks states' progress on justice delivery mechanisms — the judiciary, police, prisons, and legal aid. According to the third edition of the report, among large- and medium-sized states with a population of 10 million or more, Tamil Nadu was ranked the best in diversity, climbing six spots from the previous assessment in 2020.

The diversity ranking assessed various indicators, such as the share of women across the four pillars of the justice system, and Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, and Other Backward Classes (OBC) representation in the police and judiciary. Overall too, in terms of

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**STORY IN NUMBERS**

**Diversity on the bench**

India's police and judiciary lack caste, gender multiplicity | Pace of repair remains 'glacial'

Four of the five South Indian states, with the exception of Kerala, were ranked at the top in diversity in the justice system, according to the India Justice Report (IJR) 2022, released on April 4.

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**SOUTH SHOWS THE WAY**

Diversity rankings based on IJR report 2022

Notable government mentions

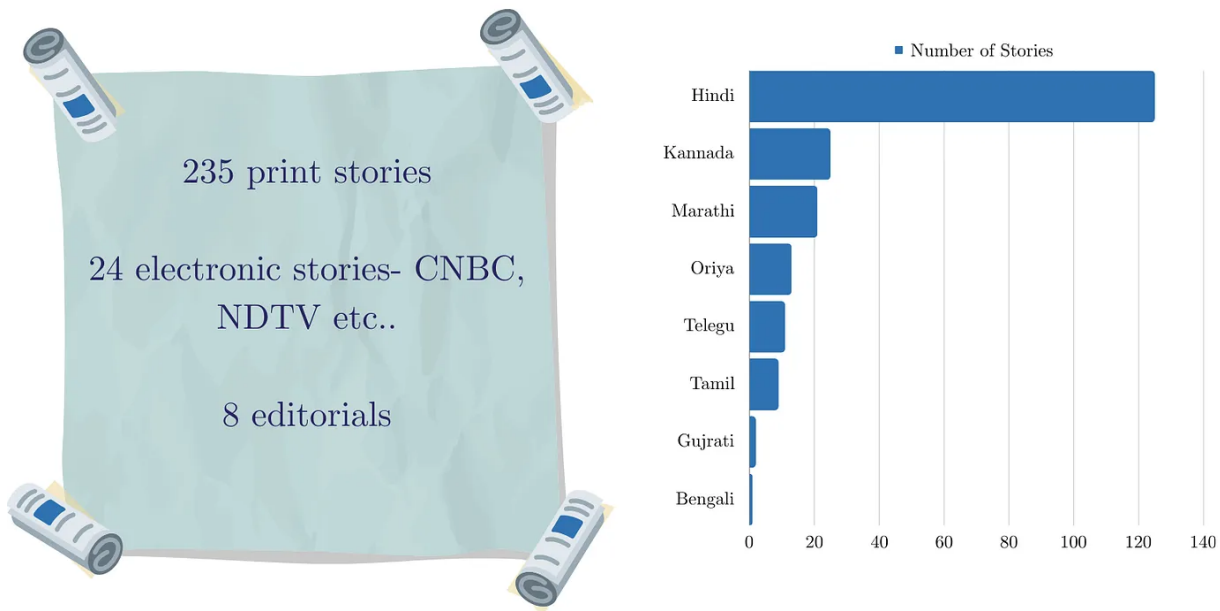
### Media engagement and impact

The report and its findings were covered by national dailies including leading media houses like Hindustan Times, the Indian Express, the Hindu, Deccan

Herald etc. after its launch earlier this year.

The report also found coverage in major financial dailies like the Mint, The Economic Times, The Hindu Business Line and Business Standard. It has also been covered by regional dailies which include Dainik Jagran, Amar Ujala, Maharashtra Times, Rajasthan Patrika and Andhra Jyoti.

Online news portals like The Wire, The Print, The Leaflet, The Quint, Punjab Kesari, The Quint Hindi, Janta se Rishta, Majhi Saheli and Scroll.in in addition to online editions of newspapers, covered the report bringing media coverage to a total of approximately more than 800 stories.



IJR 2022, in media



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Till October 2023, six articles have been published by the team.

## Other engagements

IJR consistently interacts with students and faculty members at colleges and universities to introduce them to IJR and various ways of utilizing its data for a comprehensive understanding of the functioning of justice delivery systems. This year team was invited to 10 webinars to present the report and its findings at - both geography and theme-specific - with law schools such as NLS Bangalore, The BMS College of Law, Karnataka and civil society networks.

## We continue to grow.....

This year we added two new members to our team!



Arshi is a research scholar exploring working of justice delivery systems. We welcomed her on board as our Data Analyst.



Vasundhara is a recent law graduate with a passion for bringing about change through legal research and advocacy. We welcomed her on board as a Researcher.

*and ...that's a wrap!*



**happy  
new  
year**