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Meghalaya

🟦 Best (Ranks 1-3) 🟩 Middle (Ranks 4-5) 🟨 Worst (Ranks 6-7)

Rank among 7 small states

	IJR 1 (2019)	IJR 2 (2020)	IJR 3 (2022)	IJR 4 (2025) NEW
Overall	5	7	4	5
Police	5	3	3	5
Prisons	2	5	6	4
Judiciary	4	7	5	3
Legal Aid	6	5	3	5

POLICE

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IJR 1	IJR 2	IJR 3	IJR 4
5	3	3	5

IJR 4 Score (out of 10) 3.83

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#	Indicator	IJR 1 Value	IJR 2 Value	IJR 3 Value	IJR 4 Value	IJR 4 Best value	IJR 4 Worst value
	Budgets						
1	Spend on police per person (Rs)	1,859	2,047	2,864	3,143	8,615 (AR)	2,168 (HP)
2	Share of training budget in police budget (%)	--	--	0.61	0.57	2.77 (MZ)	0.03 (HP)
3	Training budget utilization (%)	--	--	96.8	91.0	99.9 (AR)	87.1 (MZ)
4	Spend on training per personnel (Rs)	--	3,069	4,546	4,278	22,169 (MZ)	257 (HP)
5	Modernisation fund used (%)	NA¹	0	91	77	77 (ML)	18 (HP)
	Human Resources						
6	Constables, vacancy (%)	15.5	11.9	16.9	14.4	-0.5 (SK)	38.2 (MZ)
7	Officers, vacancy (%)	8.8	8.7	21.2	12.3	-20.1 (SK)	45.4 (TR)
8	Officers in civil police (%)	19.6	16.7	15.3	16.2	27.9 (MZ)	13.2 (AR)
9	Admin staff vacancy in forensics (%)	--	--	--	33.3	0.0 (AR/TR)	100.0 (SK)
10	Scientific staff vacancy in forensics (%)	--	--	--	55.6	28.6 (AR)	55.6 (ML)
	Diversity						
11	Share of women in police (%)	4.3	4.7	6.0	5.8	14.5 (HP)	5.7 (TR)
12	Share of women in officers (%)	5.6	6.9	8.5	8.9	18.2 (MZ)	5.5 (HP)
13	SC officers, actual to reserved ratio (%)	178	10	NA²	NA²	109 (GA)	53 (TR)
14	SC constables, actual to reserved ratio (%)	--	3	NA²	NA²	154 (SK)	43 (GA)
15	ST officers, actual to reserved ratio (%)	77	92	79	81	181 (AR)	46 (TR)
16	ST constables, actual to reserved ratio (%)	--	117	89	85	161 (HP)	46 (GA)
17	OBC officers, actual to reserved ratio (%)	184	120	NA³	NA³	90 (SK)	33 (GA)
18	OBC constables, actual to reserved ratio (%)	--	80	NA³	NA³	82 (HP)	27 (GA)
	Infrastructure						
19	Population per police station (rural) (Number)	91,209	55,848	61,256	56,553	17,318 (GA)	85,872 (HP)
20	Population per police station (urban) (Number)	39,697	51,000	40,235	38,389	8,511 (AR)	149,250 (GA)
21	Area per police station (rural) (Sq km)	852	481	515	471	134 (GA)	788 (MZ)
22	Area per police station (urban) (Sq km)	18.9	21.8	16.6	15.7	4.3 (SK)	95.6 (GA)
23	Services provided by state's citizen portals (%)	--	56.0	82.6	82.6	84.6 (SK)	28.3 (HP)
24	Personnel per training institute (Number)	--	5,500	5,508	4,210	4,210 (ML)	15,298 (AR)
25	Police stations with CCTVs (%)	--	--	33	87.7	100.0 (AR)	87.7 (ML)
26	Police stations with women help desks (%)	--	--	0.0	59.3	100.0 (TR)	59.3 (ML)
	Workload						
27	Population per civil police (Number)	441	416	422	397	241 (SK)	605 (HP)
	Trends						
28	Women in total police (%)	38.1	12.7	41.2	17.6	48.7 (AR)	-24.1 (SK)
29	Women officers in total officers (%)	-27.9	16.8	51.4	45.3	45.3 (ML)	-10.4 (TR)
30	Constable vacancy (%)	-18.6	-0.8	-16.7	14.4	-100.0 (SK)	76.5 (GA)
31	Officer vacancy (%)	-24.6	-16.0	25.6	206.9	-48.6 (SK)	206.9 (ML)
32	Difference in spend: police vs state (pp)	1.85	2.44	-1.85	-4.27	1.40 (MZ)	-4.27 (ML)

Data period: January 2023 except indicator 1 (2022-23), indicators 2 to 5 (2021-22), indicator 23 (2024), indicators 28 to 31 (CY '18-'22) and indicator 32 (FY '19-'23).

General notes: i. Indicators highlighted in yellow are new in IJR 4. ii. pp: percentage points (the difference between two perce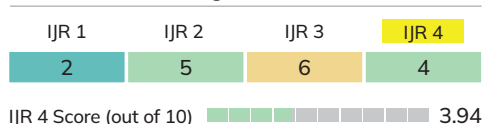ntages). iii. NA: Not available. iv. CY: Calendar year; FY: Financial year. v. SC: Scheduled castes; ST: Scheduled tribes; OBC: Other backward classes. vi. Civil police includes district armed reserve police. vii. In 'best value' and 'worst value' columns, state names have been abbreviated i.e BR for Bihar, GJ for Gujarat etc.

State notes: 1.Both Central contribution and utilisation data not available. 2. No specific reservation approved for SCs. 3. No specific reservation approved for OBCs.

PRISONS

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#	Indicator	IJR 1 Value	IJR 2 Value	IJR 3 Value	IJR 4 Value	IJR 4 Best value	IJR 4 Worst value
	Budgets						
1	Spend per inmate (Rs)	32,413	11,046	41,690	33,949	64,776 (AR)	2,025 (MZ)
2	Prison budget utilized (%)	87.6	49.8	93.4	97.2	100.0 (AR/HP)	15.0 (MZ)
	Human Resources						
3	Officers, vacancy (%)	15.8	15.8	31.6	42.1	21.2 (MZ)	68.8 (TR)
4	Cadre staff, vacancy (%)	8.8	20.8	25.52	26.6	2.3 (AR)	59.5 (SK)
5	Correctional staff, vacancy (%)	NA[7]	NA[8]	NA[8]	100.0	61.6 (HP)	100 (Multiple)[1]
6	Medical staff, vacancy (%)	-10.0	0.0	10.0	5.0	-8.33 (MZ)	84.6 (GA)
7	Medical officers, vacancy (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 (Multiple)[2]	83.3 (GA)
8	Personnel trained (%)	--	1.2	4.8	12.6	20.5 (GA)	0.0 (SK)
	Diversity						
9	Women in prison staff (%)	17.1	16.5	14.8	16.1	34.5 (MZ)	1.2 (GA)
	Infrastructure						
10	Prison occupancy (%)	132.2	157.4	160.1	167	50 (TR)	167 (ML)
11	Share of jails with 150-250% occupancy (%)	--	--	--	40.0	0.0 (AR/GA)	50.0 (SK)
12	Share of jails with 250%-plus occupancy (%)	--	--	--	20.0	0.0 (Multiple)[3]	20.0 (ML)
13	Undertrials detained for 1-3 years (%)	--	--	27.5	26.3	6.1 (MZ)	46.3 (GA)
14	Jails with V-C facility (%)	--	60	100	100	100 (Multiple)[4]	40 (MZ)
	Workload						
15	Inmates per officer (Number)	60	73	99	126	32 (SK)	133 (TR)
16	Inmates per cadre staff (Number)	5.3	6.7	7.6	8.1	2.6 (AR)	8.1 (ML)
17	Inmates per correctional staff (Number)	NA[7]	NA[8]	NA[8]	NA[7]	576 (HP)	NA[5]
18	Inmates per medical officer (Number)	--	--	218	227	168 (AR)	960 (HP)
19	Women inmates per woman medical officer (Number)	--	--	--	NA[6]	NA[6]	NA[6]
	Trends						
20	Officer vacancy (%)	-40.8	-21.1	100.0	166.7	-43.9 (MZ)	255.2 (TR)
21	Cadre staff vacancy (%)	NA[9]	361.3	19.5	21.4	-41.8 (HP)	42.7 (GA)
22	Share of women in prison staff (%)	26.2	1.0	7.0	-5.1	44.5 (MZ)	-39.3 (TR)
23	Inmates per prison officer (%)	13.8	3.1	10.8	15.4	3.1 (HP)	21.6 (TR)
24	Inmates per cadre staff (%)	4.8	2.4	7.6	7.1	0.8 (HP)	14.5 (GA)
25	Share of undertrial prisoners (pp)	1.07	-0.31	-1.93	-3.11	-3.11 (ML)	4.75 (GA)
26	Spend per inmate (%)	18.7	10.6	37.4	44.6	44.6 (ML)	-15.5 (MZ)
27	Prison budget used (pp)	6.04	-8.69	1.15	10.20	10.20 (ML)	-16.74 (MZ)
28	Difference in spend: prisons vs state (pp)	105.22	2.20	-10.31	2.90	27.57 (TR)	-23.05 (MZ)

Data period: December 2022, except indicators 1 and 2 (2022-23), indicator 8 (2022), indicators 20 to 25 (CY '18-'22), and indicators 26 to 26 (FY '19-'23).
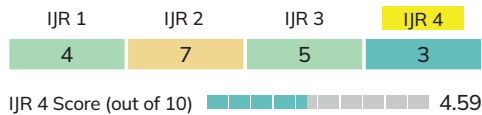
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State notes: 1. GA/ML/TR. 2. AR/ML/TR. 3. AR/GA/HP/MZ/SK/TR. 4. AR/GA/HP/ML/SK. 5. Of the 7 small states, only HP showed a value. 6. None of the 7 small states had a woman medical officer. 7. PSI shows 0 correctional staff. 8. PSI shows 0 sanctioned and actual correctional staff. 9. No vacancy in year 1 of 5-year period.

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	Indicator	IJR 1 Value	IJR 2 Value	IJR 3 Value	IJR 4 Value	IJR 4 Best value	IJR 4 Worst value
	Budgets						
1	Per capita spend on judiciary (Rs)	94	140	192	246	966 (SK)	246 (ML)
	Human Resources						
2	Population per High Court judge (Number)	9,88,963	14,36,444	11,06,000	8,52,500	234,000 (SK)	1,931,956 (GA)
3	Population per sub. court judge (Number)	78,076	82,872	65,059	60,893	28,022 (MZ)	60,893 (ML)
4	High Court judge vacancy (%)	25.0	43.8	25.0	0.0	0.0 (Multiple)[1]	29.4 (HP)
5	Sub. court judge vacancy (%)	42.0	59.8	48.5	43.4	10.6 (HP)	43.4 (ML)
6	High Court staff vacancy (%)	19.5	15.7	13.2	12.2	9.8 (AR)	26.1 (GA)
	Diversity						
7	Women judges (High Court) (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3 (SK)	0.0 (ML/TR)
8	Women judges (sub. court) (%)	73.8	50.0	62.7	60.7	70.0 (GA)	33.3 (AR)
9	SC judges, actual to reserved (sub. court) (%)	--	--	NA[2]	NA[2]	57 (TR)	0 (GA/SK)
10	ST judges, actual to reserved (sub. court) (%)	--	--	57	64	91 (AR)	33 (GA)
11	OBC judges, actual to reserved (sub. court) (%)	--	--	NA[3]	NA[3]	100 (SK)	15 (GA)
	Infrastructure						
12	Courthall shortfall (%)	42.0	45.4	46.5	28.3	0.0 (GA/HP)	42.9 (SK)
	Workload						
13	Cases pending above 3 years (High Court) (%)	--	--	--	16.5	2.7 (TR)	63.7 (GA)
14	Cases pending above 3 years (sub. court) (%)	--	--	--	51.6	9.5 (SK)	51.6 (ML)
15	Case clearance rate (High Court) (%)	88	93	128	92	111 (TR)	83 (GA)
16	Case clearance rate (sub. court) (%)	92	110	103	107	113 (AR)	61 (MZ)
	Trends						
17	Cases pending (per High Court judge) (%)	-9.5	2.3	7.5	-6.0	-24.7 (TR)	9.4 (GA)
18	Cases pending (per sub. court judge) (%)	8.4	14.3	-2.4	-1.3	-1.3 (ML)	15.8 (HP)
19	Total cases pending (High Court) (%)	-10.1	-5.2	6.7	6.1	-16.8 (TR)	14.1 (HP)
20	Total cases pending (sub. court) (%)	40.4	23.1	2.7	1.2	1.2 (ML)	17.0 (HP)
21	Judge vacancy (High Court) (%)	NA	NA	-52.2	-100.0	-100.0 (ML/TR)	47.7 (AR/MZ)
22	Judge vacancy (sub. court) (%)	-15.5	159.1	-18.9	-12.2	-12.2 (ML)	71.4 (SK)
23	Case clearance rate (High Court) (pp)	4.86	-4.44	5.53	-1.61	6.14 (HP)	-4.99 (SK)
24	Case clearance rate (sub. court) (pp)	2.06	4.23	-0.26	4.34	4.38 (GA)	-2.70 (MZ)
25	Difference in spend: judiciary vs state (pp)	21.33	32.04	5.30	-0.73	7.42 (MZ)	-6.39 (TR)

Data period: February 2025 except indicator 1 (2022-23), indicators 3, 5, 12, 13, 14 (January 2025), indicator 6 (June 2024), indicators 15 and 16 (2024), indicators 17 to 24: CY '20-'24, and indicator 25: FY '19-'23.
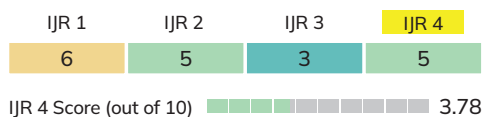**General notes:** i. Indicators highlighted in yellow are new in IJR 4. ii. Sub. court: subordinate court. iii. pp: percentage points (the difference between two percentages). iv. NA: Not available. v. CY: Calendar year; FY: Financial year. vi. SC: Scheduled castes; ST: Scheduled tribes; OBC: Other backward classes. vii. States and UTs that share a High Court have been assigned identical values for High Court indicators. These are Assam, Arunachal Pradesh Mizoram and Nagaland; Kerala and Lakshadweep; Maharashtra, Goa, D&N Haveli & Daman & Diu; Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh; Tamil Nadu and Puducherry; West Bengal and Andaman & Nicobar Islands; Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. viii. In 'best value' and 'worst value' columns, state names have been abbreviated i.e BR for Bihar, GJ for Gujarat etc.
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LEGAL AID

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	Budgets						
1	State's share in legal aid budget (%)	23.2	32.9	78.7	51.8	92.6 (GA)	51.8 (ML)
2	State legal aid budget utilized (%)	--	--	49	66	123 (HP)	66 (ML)
3	NALSA fund utilized (%)	6.7	26.9	63.4	29.6	73.4 (HP)	29.6 (ML)
4	Per capita spend on legal aid (Rs)	--	--	--	8.3	109.2 (SK)	8.3 (ML)
	Human Resources						
5	DLSA secretary vacancy (%)	72.7	54.5	72.7	45.5	0.0 (Multiple)[1]	100.0 (SK)
6	PLVs per lakh population (Number)	14.3	8.5	10.8	10.3	143.3 (AR)	2.3 (GA)
7	Sanctioned secretaries as % of DLSAs (%)	100	100	100	100	0.0 (Multiple)[2]	0 (MZ)
	Diversity						
8	Share of women in panel lawyers (%)	53.7	54.9	60.4	62.6	62.6 (ML)	26.1 (AR)
9	Women PLVs (%)	27.1	21.1	41.7	41.5	78.4 (GA)	27.0 (TR)
10	Women DLSA secretaries (%)	--	--	--	83.3	100.0 (GA)	40.0 (AR)
	Infrastructure						
11	DLSAs as % of state judicial districts (%)	157	100	100	100	400 (MZ)	100 (Multiple)[3]
12	Presence of front offices in DLSAs (%)	--	--	82	91	100 (Multiple)[4]	67 (SK)
13	Legal services clinic per jail (Number)	0.80	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00 (AR)	0.86 (TR)
14	Villages per legal services clinic (Number)	62.1	47.8	76.9	89.7	6.5 (TR)	248.4 (HP)
	Workload						
15	PLA cases: settled as % of received (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	NA[6]	67.1 (TR)	NA[5]
16	SLSA LAs: Pre-litigation cases disposed (%)	--	--	--	NA[7]	69.1 (SK)	2.4 (GA)
17	SLSA LAs: Pending cases disposed (%)	--	--	--	NA[8]	96.0 (HP)	22.8 (GA)

Data period: 2023-24 except indicators 1 to 4 (2022-23), indicators 5, 6 and 8 (March 2024), indicators 7, 9 and 10 (September 2024), and indicators 11 and 14 (December 2024).

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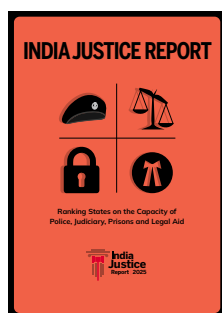
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