

**INDIA JUSTICE REPORT 2020**

The India Justice Report ranks 18 large and mid-sized, and 7 small states according to their capacity to deliver justice to all. It uses government data to assess the budgets, infrastructure, human resources, workload, diversity and 5 year trends of police, prisons, judiciary and legal aid in each state, against its own declared standards. This first of its kind study is an initiative of Tata Trusts undertaken in partnership with Centre for Social Justice, Common Cause, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI), DAKSH, TISS-Prayas and Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy.

**Methodology**

IJR 2020 brings together 87 indicators related to the justice. It uses the latest data drawn from various official documents and departments as available in the public domain at the time of publication. These data sets are brought together and collated to assess the capacity of 4 pillars– police, prisons, legal aid, and judiciary–of each state’s justice system to effectively deliver justice. Each theme - infrastructure, budgets, human resources, workload and diversity as well as trends - is in itself is a commentary on a key facet of the pillar and combines with other metrics to compute an aggregate score for each pillar and finally a rank for the state. Each indicator has a different unit, to enable comparison, we rebased values to score the state’s performance in a band of 1 to 10. The data show how the state compares on each indicator, against the other 6 small-sized states. The higher the score, the better the state is doing. ‘Worst value’ and ‘Best value’ point to the highest and lowest results in that indicator. The green and red dots indicate change over IJR 2019.



**Meghalaya**

**IJR 2020 Rank among 7 small sized states**

Overall

7th

Prisons

5th

Police

3rd

Judiciary

7th

Legal Aid

5th

**IJR 2019 Rank**

6th

4th

2nd

3rd

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5th

**POLICE – 3rd** **SCORE** **–** **4.03/10**

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| Themes & Indicators | IJR 2019 value | IJR 2020 value | State score(out of 10) | Worst value | Best value | State rank |  |
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| **Budgets** |  |
| Modernisation fund used (%, 2019-20) | NA | 0 |  -- | 1.00 | 0 | 100 | 6 | *Poor Utilisation of Modernisation fund* |
| Spend on police per person (Rs, 2017-18) | 1,859 | 2,047 |  | 2.14 | 1,497 | 5,826 | 6 |  |
| Spend on training per personnel (Rs, 2019-20) | NA | 3,069 |  -- | 1.72 | 511 | 32,310 | 5 |  |
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| **Human** **Resources** |  |
| Constables, vacancy (%, Jan 2020)  | 15.5 | 11.9 |  | 6.40 | 29.7 | 4.4 | 3 |  |
| Officers, vacancy (%, Jan 2020) | 8.8 | 8.7 |  | 7.82 | 35.8 | -22.3 | 2 |  |
| Officers in civil police (%, Jan 2020) | 19.6 | 16.7 |  | 4.40 | 9.8 | 27.9 | 3 |  |
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| **Diversity** |  |
| Share of women in police (%, Jan 2020) | 4.3 | 4.7 |  | 1.00 | 4.7 | 19.2 | 7 | *Among small states, it had* *the least share of women* *in police,* |
| Share of women in officers (%, Jan 2020) | 5.6 | 6.9 |  | 2.17 | 4.9 | 20.1 | 3 |  |
| SC officers, actual to reserved ratio (%, Jan 2020) | 178 | 10 |  | 1.00 | 10 | 129 | 5 |  |
| SC constables, actual to reserved ratio (%, Jan 2020) | NA | 3 |  -- | 1.00 | 3 | 104 | 5 |  |
| ST officers, actual to reserved ratio (%, Jan 2020) | 77 | 92 |  | 8.23 | 58 | 116 | 2 |  |
| Themes & Indicators | IJR 2019 value | IJR 2020 value | State score(out of 10) | Worst value | Best value | State rank |  |
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| **Diversity** |  |
| ST constables, actual to reserved ratio (%, Jan 2020) | NA | 117 |  -- | 10.00 | 25 | 141 | 1 |  |
| OBC officers, actual to reserved ratio (%, Jan 2020) | 184 | 120 |  | 10.00 | 19 | 120 | 1 |  |
| OBC constables, actual to reserved ratio (%, Jan 2020) | NA | 80 |  -- | 7.84 | 17 | 80 | 1 |  |
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| **Infrastructure** |  |
| Population per police station (rural) (Jan 2020) | 91,209 | 55,848 |  | 5.22 | 88,743 | 18,524 | 5 |  |
| Population per police station (urban) (Jan 2020)  | 39,697 | 51,000 |  | 7.08 | 138,500 | 8,905 | 6 |  |
| Area per police station (rural) (sq. km, Jan 2020) | 852 | 481 |  | 5.76 | 854 | 147 | 4 | *Police stations, on average,* *were more accessible* *for urban jurisdictions.* |
| Area per police station (urban) (sq. km, Jan 2020)  | 19 | 22 |  | 8.40 | 96 | 6 | 4 |  |
| Services provided by state's citizen portals (%, 2020) | NA | 56 |  -- | 6.40 | 0.0 | 90 | 3 |  |
| Personnel per training institute (number, Jan 2020) | NA | 5,500 |  -- | 8.70 | 18,849 | 3,244 | 2 |  |
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| **Workload** |  |
| Population per civil police (persons, Jan 2020) | 441 | 416 |  | 5.94 | 632 | 238 | 6 |  |
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| **Trends** |  |
| Women in total police (pp, CY '15-'19)  | 0.47 | 0.16 |  | 1.23 | 0.12 | 1.59 | 5 |  |
| Themes & Indicators | IJR 2019 value | IJR 2020 value |  | State score(out of 10) | Worst value | Best value | State rank |  |
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| **Trends** |  |
| Women officers in total officers (pp, CY '15-'19) | 0.00 | -0.02 |  | 2.44 | -0.32 | 1.57 | 6 |  |
| Constable vacancy (pp, CY '15-'19) | -0.21 | 0.68 |  | 6.98 | 3.46 | -0.72 | 5 |  |
| Officer vacancy (pp, CY '15-'19) | -1.51 | 1.77 |  | 4.03 | 4.29 | -3.19 | 5 |  |
| Difference in spend: police vs state (pp, FY '14-'18) | 1.85 | 2.44 |  | 10.00 | -6.15 | 4.43 | 1 | *Highest relative increase* *in police expenditure* *over 5 years.* |

Data sources: *Data on Police Organizations, Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D); Combined Finance and Revenue Accounts of the Union and State Governments in India, Comptroller and Auditor General of India; Primary Census Abstract, Census 2011; Open Budgets India; India Budget Documents; Digital Police Portal, Ministry of Home Affairs; National Commission on Population.*

Notes: *1. Data for ‘Jan 2020’ is as of January 1, 2020. 2. SC: Scheduled castes; ST: Scheduled tribes; OBC: Other backward classes. 3. pp: percentage points (the difference between two percentages). 4. NA: Not available. 5. CY: Calendar year; FY: Financial year. 6. Civil police includes district armed reserve police. 7. Data for modernisation fund used (%, 2019-20) and Spend on training per personnel (Rs, 2019-20), as described by BPR&D, is “tentative”.* *8. Data for the indicator ‘Services provided by state's citizen portals (%, 2020)’ is a quantitative assessment of state police citizen portals on 10 counts: whether they include each of the 9 services listed by the Ministry of Home Affairs and whether the portal was available in a state language (other than English).*

**PRISONS** **–** **5th SCORE** **– 3.47/10**

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| **Budgets** |  |
| Spend per inmate (Rs, 2019-20)  | 32,413 | 11,046 |  | 1.00 | 11,046 | 47,368 | 7 |  |
| Prison budget utilised (%, 2019-20) | 88 | 50 |  | 1.00 | 50 | 100 | 7 | *The state has done in term of budget utilisation. Meghalaya has fell from 88% to 50%* |
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| **Human Resources** |  |
| Officers, vacancy (%, Dec 2019)  | 15.8 | 15.8 |  | 6.71 | 43.2 | 14.8 | 2 |  |
| Cadre staff, vacancy (%, Dec 2019)  | 8.8 | 20.8 |  | 6.66 | 56.2 | 1.5 | 3 |  |
| Correctional staff, vacancy (%, Dec 2019)  | NA | NA | -- | NA | 100.0 | 71.4 | NA |  |
| Medical staff, vacancy (%, Dec 2019)  | -10.0 | 0.0 |  | 10.00 | 84.6 | 0.0 | 1 |  |
| Medical officers, vacancy (%, Dec 2019) | 0.0 | 0.0 |   | 10.00 | 83.3 | -50.0 | 1 |  |
| No. of personnel trained (%, Dec 2019) | NA | 1 |  -- | 1.53 | 0.0 | 21.0 | 5 |  |
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| **Diversity** |  |
| Women in prison staff (%, Dec 2019) | 17.1 | 16.5 |  | 6.60 | 1.6 | 25.6 | 4 |  |
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| **Infrastructure** |  |
| Prison occupancy (%, Dec 2019) | 132 | 157 |  | 1.00 | 157 | 51 | 7 | *Prisons in the state* *functioned beyond* *capacity; with the highest share of UTPs at 84 per cent.* |
| Jails with V-C facility (%, Dec 2019) | NA | 60 |  -- | 6.40 | 0 | 100 | 4 |
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| **Workload** |  |
| Inmates per officer (persons, Dec 2019)  | 60 | 73 |  | 3.65 | 94 | 22 | 5 |  |
| Inmates per cadre staff (persons, Dec 2019)  | 5 | 7 |  | 6.10 | 8 | 2 | 6 |  |
| Inmates per correctional staff (persons, Dec 2019) | NA | NA |  -- | NA | 791 | 552 | NA |  |
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| **Trends** |  |
| Officer vacancy (pp, CY '15-'19)  | 1.82 | 0.49 |  | 3.21 | 2.12 | -4.51 | 5 | *Over 5 years, vacancies at the officer & cadre staff level increased, which led to a steady increase in the inmate* *to prison officer & cadre staff ratio.* |
| Cadre staff vacancy (pp, CY '15-'19)  | 1.75 | 2.63 |  | 5.90 | 7.81 | -1.70 | 3 |
| Share of women in prison staff (pp, CY '15-'19)  | 0.79 | 1.10 |  | 4.88 | 0.08 | 2.45 | 2 |
| Inmates per prison officer (%, CY '15-'19)  | 13.8 | 3.1 |  | 6.88 | 18.7 | -5.2 | 4 |  |
| Inmates per cadre staff (%, CY '15-'19)  | 4.8 | 2.4 |  | 6.91 | 16.3 | -4.9 | 2 |  |
| Share of undertrial prisoners (pp, CY '15-'19)  | 1.07 | -0.31 |  | 3.78 | 2.39 | -6.38 | 2 |  |
| Spend per inmate (%, FY '16-'20)  | 18.7 | 10.6 |  | 2.34 | -0.3 | 68.4 | 2 |  |
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| **Trends** |  |
| Prison budget used (pp, FY '16-'20)  | 6.04 | -8.69 |  | 1.00 | -8.69 | 2.30 | 7 |  |
| Difference in spend: prisons vs state (pp, FY '14-'18) | 105.2 | 2.2 |  | 10.00 | -22.2 | 110.2 | 1 |  |

*Data sources: Prison Statistics India (PSI), National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB); Combined Finance and Revenue Accounts of the Union and State Governments in India, Comptroller and Auditor General of India; Open Budgets India; India Budget Documents.*

*Notes: 1. Data for ‘Dec 2019’ is as of December 31, 2019. 2. pp: percentage points (the difference between two percentages). 3. NA: Not available. 4. CY: Calendar year; FY: Financial year.* *5. Correctional staff, vacancy; inmates per correctional staff: PSI data shows 0 sanctioned and actual correctional staff.*

**JUDICIARY** **-** **7th**  **SCORE –** **2.15/10**

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| Themes & Indicators | IJR 2019 value | IJR 2020 value | State score(out of 10) | Worst value | Best value | State rank |  |
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| **Budgets** |  |
| Per capita spend on judiciary (Rs, 2017-18) | 94 | 140 |  | 1.50 | 119 | 496 | 6 |  |
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| **Human** **Resources** |  |
| Population per High Court judge (2018-19)  | 988,963 | 1,436,444 |  | 4.37 | 2,152,055 | 241,818 | 4 |  |
| Population per sub. court judge (2018-19)  | 78,076 | 82872 |  | 1.00 | 82,872 | 25,978 | 7 |  |
| High Court judge vacancy (%, 2018-19)  | 25.0 | 43.8 |  | 1.00 | 43.8 | 8.3 | 7 | *The state had high judge vacancies. Over* *5 years, these vacancies had* *increased. Missing judges translated into* *high population per judge ratios.* |
| Sub. court judge vacancy (%, 2018-19)  | 42.0 | 59.8 |  | 1.00 | 59.8 | 8.3 | 7 |
| High Court staff vacancy (%, 2018-19) | 19.5 | 15.7 |  | 3.48 | 21.6 | 6.5 | 6 |
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| **Diversity** |  |
| Women judges (High Court) (%, Aug 2020)  | 0.0 | 0.0 |  | 1.00 | 0.0 | 33.3 | 7 | *The state doesn’t have any women judges* *at the High Court level.* |
| Women judges (sub. court) (%, Nov 2019) | 73.8 | 50.0 |  | 5.44 | 28.6 | 72.0 | 2 |  |
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| **Infrastructure** |  |
| Courthall shortfall (%, 2018-19, Jan 2020) | 42.0 | 45.4 |  | 1.00 | 45.4 | -8.7 | 7 |  |
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| **Workload** |  |
| Cases pending (5-10 years) (sub. court) (%, July 2020)  | 15.25 | 16.48 |  | 1.00 | 16.48 | 0.14 | 6 |  |
| Cases pending (10+ years) (sub. court) (%, July 2020)  | 10.78 | 8.60 |  | 1.00 | 8.60 | 0.00 | 6 | *Despite missing one out of two judges, the CCR in the state is at 110 per cent. And yet, on average, the cases in Meghalaya’s subordinate courts remain pending for four years—longer than the national average.* |
| Average sub. court pendency (years, June 2020)  | 2.7 | 3.7 |  | 1.00 | 3.7 | 0.9 | 6 |
| Case clearance rate (High Court) (%, 2018-19) | 88 | 93 |  | 6.98 | 78 | 98 | 2 |
| Case clearance rate (sub. court) (%, 2018-19) | 92 | 110 |  | 10.00 | 91 | 170 | 1 |
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| **Trends** |  |
| Cases pending (per High Court judge) (%, FY '15-'19)  | -9.5 | 2.3 |  | 5.61 | 13.2 | -8.0 | 6 |  |
| Cases pending (per sub. court judge) (%, FY '15-'19)  | 8.4 | 14.3 |  | 1.00 | 14.3 | -3.0 | 7 |  |
| Total cases pending (High Court) (%, FY '15-'19)  | -10.1 | -5.2 |  | 8.19 | 19.8 | -11.5 | 3 |  |
| Total cases pending (sub. court) (%, FY '15-'19)  | 40.4 | 23.1 |  | 1.00 | 23.1 | 0.2 | 7 |  |
| Judge vacancy (High Court) (pp, FY '15-'19)  | 6.25 | 8.75 |  | 1.00 | 8.75 | -5.00 | 7 |  |
| Judge vacancy (sub. court) (pp, FY '15-'19)  | -6.88 | 5.80 |  | 1.00 | 5.80 | -4.66 | 7 |  |
| Case clearance rate (High Court) (pp, FY '15-'19)  | 4.86 | -4.44 |  | 2.86 | -6.11 | 1.98 | 6 |  |
| Case clearance rate (sub. court) (pp, FY '15-'19) | 2.06 | 4.23 |  | 4.00 | -1.94 | 16.60 | 2 |  |
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| Themes & Indicators | IJR 2019 value | IJR 2020 value | State score(out of 10) | Worst value | Best value | State rank |  |
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| **Trends** |  |
| Difference in spend: judiciary vs state (pp, FY '14-'18) | 21.33 | 32.04 |  | 10.00 | -1.10 | 40.79 | 1 |  |

Data sources: *Court News, Supreme Court of India; National Judicial Data Grid; eCourts Services; DAKSH Database. The DAKSH database is based on data collected from eCourts for a sample set of districts across India; Combined Finance and Revenue Accounts of the Union and State Governments in India, Comptroller and Auditor General of India; Primary Census Abstract, Census 2011; Application under Right to Information (RTI) Act filed by Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy; Open Budgets India; India Budget Documents; Department of Justice; Department of Justice; National Commission on Population, 2019*

Notes: *1. Data for ‘July 2020’ is as of July 1, 2020; for ‘Aug 2020’ is as of August 1, 2020; for ‘Nov 2019’ is as of November, 2019. 2. Sub. Court: subordinate court. 3. pp: percentage points (the difference between two percentages). 4. NA: Not available. 5. CY: Calendar year; FY: Financial year.*

**LEGAL AID** **-** **5th**  **SCORE –** **3.13/10**

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| **Budgets** |  |
| NALSA fund utilised (%, 2019-20)  | 7 | 27 |  | 1.00 | 27 | 94 | 7 | *Meghalaya was the only state to have used only roughly one-fourth of the funds allocated.*  |
| State's share in legal aid spend(%, 2019-20) | 23 | 33 |  | 4.36 | 11 | 69 | 5 |
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| **Human Resources** |  |
| DLSA secretary vacancy (%, Mar 2020)  | 72.7 | 54.5 |  | 5.09 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 4 |  |
| PLVs per lakh population (number, Mar 2020)  | 14.3 | 8.5 |  | 1.57 | 3.7 | 79.8 | 5 |  |
| Sanctioned secretaries as % of DLSAs (%, Mar 2020) | 100 | 100 |  | 10.00 | 0 | 100 | 1 |  |
| Panel lawyers trained (%, Mar 2020) | NA | 0 |  -- | 1.00 | 0 | 48 | 7 |  |
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| **Diversity** |  |
| Women panel lawyers (%, Mar 2020)  | 53.7 | 54.9 |  | 10.00 | 18.9 | 54.9 | 1 | *One out of 2 panel lawyers was a woman.* |
| Women PLVs (%, Mar 2020) | 27.1 | 21.1 |  | 1.00 | 21.1 | 72.5 | 7 |  |
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| **Infrastructure** |  |
| DLSAs as % of state judicial districts (%, Mar 2020)  | 157 | 100 |  | 10.00 | 80 | 100 | 1 |  |
| Villages per legal services clinic (number, Mar 2020)  | 62 | 48 |  | 8.14 | 224 | 2 | 5 |  |
| Themes & Indicators | IJR 2019 value | IJR 2020 value | State score(out of 10) | Worst value | Best value | State rank |  |
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| **Infrastructure** |  |
| Legal services clinic per jail (number, Mar 2020) | 0.80 | 1.00 |  | 10.00 | 0.86 | 2.50 | 1 | *Each jail, on average, is serviced by one legal* *services clinic.* |
| Presence of front offices in LSIs (%, Mar 2020) | NA | 62 |  -- | 1.35 | 60 | 93 | 6 |  |
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| **Workload** |  |
| PLA cases: settled as % of received (%, 2019-20)  | 0 | 0 |  | 1.00 | 0 | 76 | 7 |  |
| Total LAs: Pre-litigation cases disposed (%, 2019-20) \*  | 50.6 | 64.9 |  | 7.18 | 13.2 | 88.5 | 3 |  |
| SLSA LAs: Pre-litigation in cases taken up (%, 2019-20) \*\* | 0.0 | 0.0 |  | 1.00 | 0.0 | 25.4 | 7 |  |

*Full indicators: \* NLAs + SLSA LAs: Share of pre-litigation cases in disposed cases (%, 2019-20); \*\* SLSA LAs: Pre-litigation cases disposed as % of total cases taken up (%, 2019-20).*

Data sources: *National Legal Services Authority (NALSA); Primary Census Abstract, Census 2011; National Commission on Population, 2019; Prison Statistics India (PSI), National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).*

Notes: *1. DLSA: District Legal Services Authority; LA: Lok Adalat; PLA: Permanent Lok Adalat; PLV: Para-Legal Volunteer; SLSA: State Legal Services Authority; LSI: Legal service institutions.*



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