

West Bengal

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POLICE



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 IJR 3 Score (out of 10) 3.59

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Indicator	IJR 1		IJR 2		IJR 3			
	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Period	Best value	Worst value
Budgets								
1	Spend on police per person (Rs)	546	570	909	2020-21	2,055 (PB)	641 (BR)	
★2	Share of training budget in police budget (%)	--	--	0.04	2020-21	2.66 (TS)	0.00 (KL)	
★3	Training budget utilization (%)	--	--	61.3	2020-21	100 (GJ/RJ)	53.5 (CH)	
4	Spend on training per personnel (Rs)	--	983	305	2020-21	28,126 (TS)	305 (WB)	
5	Modernisation fund used (%)	56	129	42	2020-21	100 (GJ)	24 (UP)	
Human Resources								
6	Constables, vacancy (%)	31.3	39.9	44.1	Jan 2022	4.6 (KL)	44.1 (WB)	
7	Officers, vacancy (%)	26.1	28.1	25.2	Jan 2022	7.1 (TS)	53.8 (BR)	
8	Officers in civil police (%)	27.5	25.8	31.5	Jan 2022	31.5 (WB)	9.5 (KL)	
Diversity								
9	Share of women in police (%)	7.6	9.7	10.0	Jan 2022	21.8 (AP)	6.2 (JH)	
10	Share of women in officers (%)	3.1	4.6	4.0	Jan 2022	18.1 (UK)	2.4 (KL)	
11	SC officers, actual to reserved ratio (%)	58	64	65	Jan 2022	131 (GJ)	43 (UP)	
12	SC constables, actual to reserved ratio (%)	--	90	72	Jan 2022	116 (KA)	63 (HR)	
13	ST officers, actual to reserved ratio (%)	45	51	52	Jan 2022	176 (KA)	0.2 (PB)	
14	ST constables, actual to reserved ratio (%)	--	104	82	Jan 2022	278 (BR)	0.01 (PB)	
15	OBC officers, actual to reserved ratio (%)	18	31	37	Jan 2022	154 (PB)	34 (RJ)	
16	OBC constables, actual to reserved ratio (%)	--	62	55	Jan 2022	200 (OD)	55 (WB)	
Infrastructure								
17	Population per police station (rural) (Number)	232,896	253,476	306,063	Jan 2022	25,010 (KL)	306,063 (WB)	
18	Population per police station (urban) (Number)	108,152	140,934	123,234	Jan 2022	46,376 (OD)	288,788 (GJ)	
19	Area per police station (rural) (Sq km)	313	337	408	Jan 2022	82 (KL)	684 (RJ)	
20	Area per police station (urban) (Sq km)	19.0	21.1	17.6	Jan 2022	10.6 (TS)	74.5 (KL)	
21	Services provided by state's citizen portals (%)	--	41.6	41.6	2022	91.0 (GJ)	21.6 (BR)	
★22	Personnel per training institute (Number)	--	15,307	9,887	Jan 2022	5,484 (TN)	38,382 (UP)	
★23	Police stations with CCTVs (%)	--	--	100	Jan 2022	100 (WB)	0.1 (RJ)	
24	Police stations with women help desks (%)	--	--	100.0	Jan 2022	100 (WB)	34.9 (TN)	
Workload								
25	Population per civil police (Number)	1,209	1,284	1,331	Jan 2022	500 (PB)	1,695 (BR)	
Trends								
26	Women in total police (pp)	0.87	0.51	0.46	CY '17-'21	3.52 (AP)	-0.19 (HR)	
27	Women officers in total officers (pp)	0.30	0.44	0.18	CY '17-'21	1.83 (UK)	-0.35 (TN)	
28	Constable vacancy (pp)	0.39	-0.60	2.56	CY '17-'21	-5.40 (UP)	4.81 (MH)	
29	Officer vacancy (pp)	-1.52	-3.55	-0.17	CY '17-'21	-4.02 (UP)	3.42 (MH)	
30	Difference in spend: police vs state (pp)	-3.92	-3.21	4.63	FY '17-'21	6.01 (UP)	-5.47 (PB)	

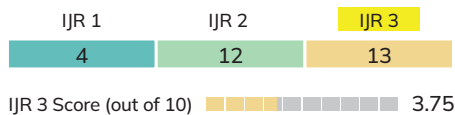
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State notes: 1. Utilisation data not available. 2. Expenditure data not provided. 3. Trend indicators not computed as its 5-year data also included Telangana figures.

PRISONS



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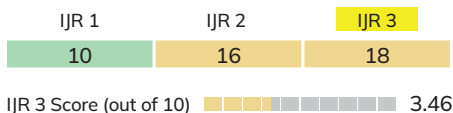
Indicator	IJR 1		IJR 2		IJR 3			
	Value	Value	Value	Value	Period	Best value	Worst value	
Budgets								
1 Spend per inmate (Rs)	37,224	44,206	34,813	2021-22	2021-22	211,157 (AP)	6,112 (UK)	
2 Prison budget utilized (%)	98.7	98.7	96.7	2021-22	2021-22	114.0 (TS)	74.0 (BR)	
Human Resources								
3 Officers, vacancy (%)	18.1	13.9	24.3	Dec 2021	Dec 2021	6.9 (KL)	77.1 (UK)	
4 Cadre staff, vacancy (%)	20.1	27.8	19.2	Dec 2021	Dec 2021	9.8 (TN)	60.3 (JH)	
5 Correctional staff, vacancy (%)	32.8	29.5	31.3	Dec 2021	Dec 2021	0.0 (TS)	100.0 (HR/PB)	
6 Medical staff, vacancy (%)	75.0	72.8	66.8	Dec 2021	Dec 2021	7.8 (TN)	66.8 (WB)	
7 Medical officers, vacancy (%)	85.0	85.0	77.3	Dec 2021	Dec 2021	11.6 (TN)	90.0 (UK)	
8 Personnel trained (%)	--	8.0	14.4	Dec 2021	Dec 2021	155.1 (KA)	0.2 (UK)	
Diversity								
9 Women in prison staff (%)	10.1	8.6	10.9	Dec 2021	Dec 2021	32.0 (KA)	3.6 (UK)	
Infrastructure								
10 Prison occupancy (%)	109.7	106.1	120.0	Dec 2021	Dec 2021	76.4 (TN)	185.0 (UK)	
★11 Share of jails with 100%-plus occupancy (%)	--	--	80	2022	2022	11 (TN)	90 (HR)	
★12 Share of jails with 150%-plus occupancy (%)	--	--	60	2022	2022	1 (TN)	77 (UP)	
★13 Undertrials detained for 1-3 years (%)	--	--	24.6	Dec 2021	Dec 2021	5.2 (AP)	27.5 (RJ)	
★14 Inmates availed educational course (%) ¹	--	--	1.46	Dec 2021	Dec 2021	21.52 (TS)	0.48 (PB)	
★15 Inmates availed vocational training (%) ¹	--	--	0.14	Dec 2021	Dec 2021	7.67 (JH)	0.14 (WB)	
16 Jails with V-C facility (%)	--	32	100	Dec 2021	Dec 2021	100 (HR/UK/WB)	57 (TS)	
Workload								
17 Inmates per officer (Number)	118	112	134	Dec 2021	Dec 2021	21 (TN)	532 (UK)	
18 Inmates per cadre staff (Number)	7.7	8.5	8.5	Dec 2021	Dec 2021	4.2 (KL)	24.7 (JH)	
19 Inmates per correctional staff (Number)	560	537	560	Dec 2021	Dec 2021	198 (TN)	22,938 (RJ)	
★20 Inmates per medical officer (Number)	--	--	1,031	Dec 2021	Dec 2021	418 (AP)	6,921 (UK)	
Trends								
21 Officer vacancy (pp)	-1.59	-1.43	1.24	CY '17-'21	CY '17-'21	-7.95 (TN)	2.30 (HR)	
22 Cadre staff vacancy (pp)	-0.95	-1.39	-0.18	CY '17-'21	CY '17-'21	-6.91 (UK)	2.40 (HR)	
23 Share of women in prison staff (pp)	0.25	0.27	0.15	CY '17-'21	CY '17-'21	3.26 (BR)	-0.61 (UK)	
24 Inmates per prison officer (%)	2.1	0.4	2.7	CY '17-'21	CY '17-'21	-15.0 (KA)	23.0 (UK)	
25 Inmates per cadre staff (%)	1.7	0.2	2.6	CY '17-'21	CY '17-'21	-9.2 (KA)	8.8 (HR)	
26 Share of undertrial prisoners (pp)	-0.09	0.27	3.71	CY '17-'21	CY '17-'21	0.43 (JH)	3.75 (PB)	
27 Spend per inmate (%)	11.45	5.1	-0.04	FY '18-'22	FY '18-'22	116.9 (HR)	-10.6 (UK)	
28 Prison budget used (pp)	0.59	0.82	-0.39	FY '18-'22	FY '18-'22	4.43 (TS)	-3.42 (UP)	
29 Difference in spend: prisons vs state (pp)	-6.39	-6.15	2.12	FY '17-'21	FY '17-'21	16.66 (GJ)	-11.99 (TS)	

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State notes: 1. Inmates admitted during the year.

JUDICIARY



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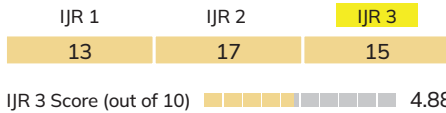
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	Value	Value	Value	Value	Period	Best value	Worst value	
Budgets								
1 Per capita spend on judiciary (Rs)	52	58	75	2020-21	270 (HR)	75 (WB)		
Human Resources								
2 Population per High Court judge (Number)	2,380,693	2,600,187	1,833,444	Dec 2022	933,333 (HR/PB)	3,674,088 (BR)		
3 Population per sub. court judge (Number)	101,643	103,869	107,412	Jul 2022	42,502 (UK)	109,673 (AP)		
4 High Court judge vacancy (%)	46.5	47.9	25.0	Dec 2022	16.0 (JH)	48.0 (RJ)		
5 Sub. court judge vacancy (%)	11.0	7.4	9.5	Jul 2022	8.9 (CH)	39.0 (HR)		
6 High Court staff vacancy (%)	31.1	39.5	31.5	2021-22	11.3 (MH)	52.8 (BR)		
Diversity								
7 Women judges (High Court) (%)	17.9	13.2	14.8	Dec 2022	27.3 (TS)	0.0 (BR/UK)		
8 Women judges (sub. court) (%)	28.5	36.4	35.9	Jul 2022	52.8 (TS)	19.5 (GJ)		
★ 9 SC judges, actual to reserved (sub. court) (%)	--	--	0	Jul 2022	128 (CH)	0 (WB)		
★ 10 ST judges, actual to reserved (sub. court) (%)	--	--	0	Jul 2022	125 (UK)	0 (OD/PB/WB)		
★ 11 OBC judges, actual to reserved (sub. court) (%)	--	--	0	Jul 2022	125 (TS)	0 (WB)		
Infrastructure								
12 Courthall shortfall (%)	NA ¹	NA ¹	17.6	Aug 2022	-7.3 (MH)	27.7 (HR)		
Workload								
★ 13 Cases pending (5-10 years) (High Court) (%)	--	--	23.59	Jan 2023	18.62 (TN)	36.90 (KL)		
★ 14 Cases pending (10+ years) (High Court) (%)	--	--	39.46	Jan 2023	6.46 (CH)	40.07 (UP)		
15 Cases pending (5-10 years) (sub. court) (%)	19.47	21.04	28.64	Jan 2023	5.78 (PB)	28.64 (WB)		
16 Cases pending (10+ years) (sub. court) (%)	12.61	15.81	19.73	Jan 2023	0.24 (HR)	19.73 (WB)		
17 Average High Court pendency (Years)	3.7	--	9.89	Feb 2022	3.58 (UK)	11.34 (UP)		
18 Case clearance rate (High Court) (%)	101	93	121	2022	156 (KL)	65 (RJ)		
19 Case clearance rate (sub. court) (%)	91	87	80	2022	117 (GJ)	72 (UP)		
Trends								
20 Cases pending (per High Court judge) (%)	-6.8	-1.9	-4.7	CY '18-'22	-15.5 (TS)	31.3 (RJ)		
21 Cases pending (per sub. court judge) (%)	-2.8	-7.6	7.4	CY '18-'22	-0.01 (JH)	19.4 (HR)		
22 Total cases pending (High Court) (%)	-8.4	-4.3	-1.0	CY '18-'22	-1.0 (WB)	20.8 (RJ)		
23 Total cases pending (sub. court) (%)	-0.04	-5.3	3.3	CY '18-'22	0.9 (GJ)	18.3 (HR)		
24 Judge vacancy (High Court) (pp)	3.53	3.81	-2.92	CY '18-'22	-12.01 (AP)	3.37 (RJ)		
25 Judge vacancy (sub. court) (pp)	-1.00	-1.78	0.00	CY '18-'22	-4.80 (JH)	3.18 (HR)		
26 Case clearance rate (High Court) (pp)	3.50	-6.66	5.20	CY '18-'22	13.56 (KL)	-5.78 (RJ)		
27 Case clearance rate (sub. court) (pp)	-3.32	-4.16	-13.67	CY '18-'22	5.12 (KL)	-13.67 (WB)		
28 Difference in spend: judiciary vs state (pp)	-9.66	-6.36	1.40	FY '17-'21	8.24 (KA)	-5.20 (TS)		

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LEGAL AID



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Budgets						
1 State's share in legal aid budget (%)	58.6	18.1	62.6	2021-22	96.1 (JP)	62.6 (WB)
★2 State legal aid budget utilized (%)	--	--	89	2020-21	99.97 (KA)	35 (UP)
3 NALSA fund utilized (%)	77.2	89.1	79.2	2021-22	99.9 (JH)	50.0 (OD)
Human Resources						
4 DLSA secretary vacancy (%)	0.0	9.1	0.0	Mar 2022	Multiple ¹	31.4 (MP)
5 PLVs per lakh population (Number)	2.0	2.0	1.3	Jun 2022	6.3 (KA)	1.2 (UP)
6 Sanctioned secretaries as % of DLSAs (%)	100	100	86	Mar 2022	102 (MP)	86 (WB)
Diversity						
7 Share of women in panel lawyers (%)	20.5	18.8	26.2	Jun 2022	42.4 (KL)	8.6 (RJ)
8 Women PLVs (%)	37.6	18.0	40.0	Jun 2022	62.6 (KL)	24.9 (UP)
Infrastructure						
9 DLSAs as % of state judicial districts (%)	83	96	100	Mar 2022	110 (TS)	96 (UP)
★10 Presence of front offices in DLSAs (%)	--	--	100	Jun 2022	109 (CH)	100 (Others)
11 Legal services clinic per jail (Number)	0.83	1.00	1.20	2021-22	1.81 (GJ)	0.61 (BR)
12 Villages per legal services clinic (Number)	64.3	50.6	55.3	2021-22	2.8 (KL)	19,567 (CH)
Workload						
13 PLA cases: settled as % of received (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	2021-22	99.7 (GJ)	0.0 (WB)
14 Total LAs: Pre-litigation cases disposed (%)	92.1	64.8	20.6	2021-22	93.2 (MH)	6.6 (KA)
15 SLSA LAs: Pre-litigation in cases taken up (%)	93.8	13.7	45.0	2021-22	76.1 (JH)	0.0 (HR/OD)

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Data sources

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