India Justice Report, 2025

Prelims – *Current events of National Importance.*

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Why in News?

India Justice Report (IJR) 2025 released recently said that not a single State or Union Territory has met their own reserved quotas for women in the police.

- It is India's only ***ranking of States/UTs on the delivery of justice*** released annually.
- **Initiated by** - Tata Trusts and supported by several civil society organizations and data partners.
- **Indicators** - Police, Judiciary, Prisons and Legal Aid.
- **Filters** - Human resources, infrastructure, workload and diversity.

Key Findings

Positive Findings

- Southern states of India are performing the best when it comes to policing, justice delivery and prison management.
- **Top states -** All the top spots in the large and mid-sized category were taken by southern states - *Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.*

  Karnataka is the only State that met quotas in both Police and Judiciary and Bihar has the highest share of women in State police.

- **Bottom states -** Bengal came at the bottom of the table, followed by Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand and Rajasthan.
- Among the 7 small states, Sikkim was the best-performer, while Goa was the laggard.
- **Improving states -** Telangana, which ranked 11th in the last survey, jumped to the 3rd spot in the latest report.
- Bihar showed the most improvement in the category of police from 2022 to 2025.
- **Case disposal rate -** High Courts have consistently achieved a disposal rate exceeding 100%, while subordinate courts have also shown progress.
  - For instance, more than 86% of prisons are now equipped with video-conferencing facilities for conducting trials.
- **Prison Management -** Tamil Nadu retained its top position in managing prisons, with increased budget allocation and 100% utilization.

Negative Findings

- **Reserved quota gap -** Not a single State/UT meets their own reserved quotas for women in police force
- **Infrastructure gap -** 17% of police stations in the country do not have a single CCTV, while 3 in 10 police stations do not have women help desks.
- **Police-population ratio -** Nationally, the ratio remained stagnant at 155 police personnel per 100,000 population, significantly below the sanctioned strength of 197.5.
    - In India, one civil police personnel is available for 831 people.
- **Under-trial issue -** 91% of Delhi's prison population consisted of under-trials.
- **Prison overcrowding -** 176 prisons operate at over 200% capacity.
- **Inadequate spending**
    - **On legal aid –** Rs. 6 per annum.
    - **On prisons** - Rs. 57.
    - **On the judiciary** - Rs. 182.

Reference

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