



India Justice Report 2025

Why in news: The fourth edition of the India Justice Report (IJR) 2025 was published recently.

- The report tracks each state's **structural and financial capability to deliver justice**.
- The IJR was **first published in 2019** with support from **Tata Trusts**.

Key findings:

- The **police-to-population ratio** stands at **155 per lakh**, below the **sanctioned 197**, leading to **delays in investigation and public safety issues**.
- The **judiciary faces a 20% increase in pending cases**, now **exceeding five crore**, with **shortages in court halls** and **33% and 21% vacancy rates** in high and district courts respectively. The **average district court workload is 2,200 cases per judge**, with a **case clearance rate of 94%**, slowing justice delivery.
- **Prisons remain overcrowded**, with some exceeding **400% capacity**, and the **average overcrowding rate is 131%**.
- **Undertrials make up 76%** of the prison population, with **one in four** spending **1–3 years** awaiting trial.
- The **average daily spend per inmate** is **Rs 121**, reflecting **inadequate prison funding and reform**, as noted under the **Model Prisons & Correctional Services Act, 2023** and the **Amitava Roy Committee**.
- **Legal aid** faces issues of **underutilised funds, uneven staffing, and poor coverage** with **only one legal aid clinic for every 163 villages**. **Positively, women judges now form 38% of the district judiciary**.
- **Government spending** on justice infrastructure has **improved with increased budget allocations**.
- The **IJR 2025 includes India's rank in the Rule of Law Index 2024** by the **World Justice Project (WJP)**. India ranks **79 out of 142 countries** overall in the **Rule of Law Index** based on **eight indicators**. India ranks **89 in criminal justice**, reflecting its **effectiveness in redressing grievances and prosecuting offenses**. India ranks **111 in civil justice**, which assesses **accessibility, affordability, impartiality, and freedom from corruption and bias**.

[Current Affairs Course is now Live](#). Course will start in October 2025 1st week.

Modules will include class notes, monthly compilation, quarter compilation and annual compilation. This will help in regular revision r/t in the fag-end of preparation.

I will provide my annual compilation, like last year, on Telegram in May 1st week.

[Last year I had promised 20 questions in Prelims from my notes & 28+ Questions could be answered from the same](#).

30 questions is my aim for 2026 prelims. To meet that, I have analyzed why I missed 5-6 C.A. questions in 2025 and I have increased my coverage accordingly.