

District Good Governance Index

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District Good Governance Index (DGGI) was launched in Jammu and Kashmir, virtually in January 2022. It has been launched for 20 districts of J&K. This is **India's very first District Good Governance Index**.

Salient Features of District Good Governance Index:

- District Good Governance Index Launched by - Union Home Ministry
- District Good Governance Index Launched in - Jammu & Kashmir
- Number of Districts Covered - 20 Districts of Jammu & Kashmir

What is the District Good Government Index ?

- The District Good Governance Index (DGGI) represents **Next Generation Administrative Reform in Benchmarking Governance at District level**, prepared after extensive stakeholder consultation.
- It comprises measuring performance under **10 governance sectors having 58 indicators** with 116 data points.
- It has been prepared by the **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)** in partnership with the Union Territory's administration.
- It provides a roadmap for **similar benchmarking of Governance at District level** for all States and Union Territories of India.
- Under the index, the policies, schemes and programs of the central as well as the state governments have been monitored at the district level.

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Key Highlights of DGGI

- **Jammu district topped** the composite ranking, followed by Doda and Samba districts of the Jammu Division.
- Pulwama district of the Srinagar Division at the fourth spot and Srinagar district at the fifth.
- The district of **Rajouri finished at the last** spot, while Poonch and Shopian districts also featured towards the end of the rankings.
- **Srinagar** district bagged the **first rank in the Public Infrastructure and Utilities** sector.
- **Kishtwar** topped in 'Agriculture and Allied Sector', **Pulwama** topped in 'Human Resource Development', **Reasi** topped in 'Public Health', **Ramban** topped in 'Social Welfare and Development', and **Ganderbal** topped in the 'Financial Inclusion' sector.

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Significance of the DGGI

- The District Good Governance Index helps to **identify the impact of various governance interventions** at district level.

- It would provide a **futuristic roadmap** for improving district level governance with targeted interventions, when expanded to all the states of the country.
- It shall **boost a good governance competition** in every district of the country.
- In particular, it will **benefit the residents of the state** as it will work towards improving the district machinery, make districts result-oriented and improve their service delivery mechanism.

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About Good Governance Index (GGI)

- The Centre launched National Good Governance Index on 25 Dec,2021, to provide quantifiable data to compare the state of governance in all states and union territories, enable them to formulate and implement suitable strategies for improving governance and shift to result oriented approaches and administration.
- It is prepared by the **Department of Administration Reforms and Public Grievances(DARPG)**.
- **GGI** compares the state of **governance in all states and union territories** while **DGGI** monitors programs of **central and state governments at the district level**.
- **Performance of Jammu and Kashmir on GGI:** An increase of 3.7% in Good Governance Indicators from 2019 to 2021.
- The strong performance of J-K was also noted in the fields of commerce and industry, agriculture, judiciary and public infrastructure among others.