

Note on District Good Governance Index (DGGI) for Government of Jammu & Kashmir

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has initiated an exercise of measuring the state of governance in the Districts has developed a District Good Governance Index (DGGI). This is modelled on the Good Governance Index 2021 developed by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Govt. of India. The J&K Institute of Management for Public Administration and Rural Development (IMPARD) with active collaboration of Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Govt. of J&K are playing a pivotal role in developing this index. The Centre for Good Governance (CGG) from Hyderabad is roped in for extending technical support.

The District Good Governance Index (DGGI) is aimed to assess the state of governance in all 20 Districts of Jammu and Kashmir. It will enable ranking of Districts and present a comparative picture. The ranking would bring about healthy competition amongst Districts in the quest to provide citizen centric administration and governance. This DGGI is expected to provide guidance to the UT & District Administration of J&K and other stakeholders in their efforts to address existing gaps, plan to bridge these gaps and aid as decision making tool.

DGGI is modelled on the Good Governance Index 2021 with revision in the indicators to make it more region specific, assessing the ground reality and meeting the aspiration of the people. Extensive consultations in finalising the sectors and indicators were taken up ensuring participation of senior officials and Deputy Commissioners of all the Districts.

The DGGI of J&K encompasses 10 Governance Sectors and 58 Indicators with 116 data items.

#	Sectors	No. of Indicators
1.	Agriculture & Allied	11
2.	Industry & Commerce	05
3.	Human Resource Development	09
4.	Public Health	09
5.	Public Infrastructure & Utilities	06
6.	Social Welfare & Development	06
7.	Financial Inclusion	03
8.	Judiciary & Public Safety	04
9.	Environment	02
10.	Citizen Centric Governance	03
	Total	58

Sector-wise top performing three districts:

#	Sectors	Top Ranking Districts		
		1	2	3
1.	Agriculture & Allied	Kishtwar	Srinagar	Doda
2.	Industry & Commerce	Jammu	Ramban	Kupwara
3.	Human Resource Development	Pulwama	Ganderbal	Samba
4.	Public Health	Reasi	Jammu	Srinagar
5.	Public Infrastructure & Utilities	Srinagar	Jammu	Samba
6.	Social Welfare & Development	Ramban	Kathua	Anantnag
7.	Financial Inclusion	Ganderbal	Kulgam	Anantnag
8.	Judiciary & Public Safety	Doda	Udhampur	Rajouri
9.	Environment	Shopian	Doda	Budgam
10.	Citizen Centric Governance	Jammu	Kishtwar	Srinagar

The composite Ranking of Districts is as follow:

Rank	Composite Ranks		Rank	Division-wise Rank
1	Jammu	Jammu Division	1	Jammu
2	Doda		2	Doda
3	Samba		3	Samba
4	Pulwama		4	Kathua
5	Srinagar		5	Kishtwar
6	Ganderbal		6	Udhampur
7	Anantnag		7	Reasi
8	Baramula		8	Ramban
9	Kathua		9	Poonch
10	Kupwara		10	Rajouri
11	Kishtwar	Kashmir Division	1	Pulwama
12	Badgam		2	Srinagar
13	Udhampur		3	Ganderbal
14	Reasi		4	Anantnag
15	Bandipora		5	Baramula
16	Ramban		6	Kupwara
17	Kulgam		7	Badgam
18	Shopian		8	Bandipora
19	Poonch		9	Kulgam
20	Rajouri		10	Shopian

DGGI of J&K is unique and first of its kind. The design and scope of the Index could be further expanded by including district/division specific additional indicators. The DGGI may further be strengthened to include a lot more dimensions including input and perception-based parameters.