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In the Public Affairs Index 2018 released by the Public Affairs Centre, Kerala stands as the best governed state in the country. The Public Affairs Index was released on 21st July 2018 by the Public Affairs Centre. If you are preparing for any Competitive or Government Exams or Banking Exams, it is important for you to know about the Public Affairs Index. Read this article to know all about the Public Affairs Index 2018. You can also download this article as PDF and refer to it later.

What is Public Affairs Index?

Public Affairs Index (PAI) is released annually since 2016 by the Public Affairs Centre (PAC). Public Affairs Centre is a think tank that works towards improving the governance in India. It is a data driven platform to rank the 30 states of India from the lens of Governance. It was founded in 1994 by renowned Indian economist and scholar late Samuel Paul, the think tank works to mobilise a demand for better governance in the country.

Public Affairs Index - Highest and Lowest Ranking States

Kerala has topped the Public Affairs Index for the third consecutive year since 2016 among large states. Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Karnataka and Gujarat are among the top 5 states delivering good governance. Among smaller states (with population less



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than two crore), Himachal Pradesh topped the list, followed by Goa, Mizoram, Sikkim and Tripura.

Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh ranked the lowest on the index, indicating higher economic and social inequalities. Among smaller states Meghalaya performed the worst in this list. Manipur, Nagaland, Delhi and Jammu and Kashmir were the other poor performers.

The organisation, which tries to mobilise the demand for better governance in the country, studied all states and ranked them on 10 themes such as essential infrastructure, support to human development, social protection, women and children as well as law and order. Thirty focus subjects and 100 indicators were measured to derive the index, relying solely on government data, it said, adding that it did not want to access private data sources that may be interpreted as biased. This year's index also measured how child-friendly each state is. Kerala, Himachal Pradesh and Mizoram topped this index.

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