

## Overview:

Maharashtra occupies the western & central part of India and has 720 km long coastline along the Arabian Sea and is also fortified naturally by Sahyadri and Satpuda mountain ranges. The State is surrounded by Gujarat to the north west, Madhya Pradesh to the north, Chhattisgarh to the east, Telangana to the south east, Karnataka to the south and Goa to the south west. For administrative convenience, the State has been divided into 36 districts and six revenue divisions. The State enjoys tropical monsoon climate. Well developed infrastructure, abundant natural resources, connectivity to all major areas, skilled manpower and quality education make Maharashtra an ideal destination for setting up of new industries. The State capital Mumbai is the financial capital of India. Varied customs and traditions co-exist peacefully in Maharashtra. The State is well known throughout the country for its rich music and dances. Povada, Bharud, Bhajan, Gondhal, Koli Geet and Lavni are the major forms of folk music & dance in the State. The State is also well known for its varied cuisine. The State houses various world heritage sites such as Ajanta, Ellora & Elephanta caves, 19th century Victorian Neo-Gothic public buildings & 20th century Art Deco buildings and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus. There are three Ramsar sites viz. Nandur Madhameshwar in Nashik district, Lonar crater in Buldhana district and Thane creek. These world heritages, architectural structures like Gateway of India, Viharas & Chaityas, wild life sanctuaries, bird sanctuaries, beaches, forts and Ramsar sites attract tourists from all over the world. The world famous film industry, popularly known as “Bollywood” is located in the State. Maharashtra has time and again showed its pragmatic & progressive nature and the State continued to walk on the path of sustainable development.

## About GGI:

Good Governance Index (GGI) is a comprehensive and implementable tool to assess the state of governance in all States and UTs which enables ranking of States/Districts and present a comparative picture.

## About MAHA- DGGI:

Maharashtra District Good Governance Index (MAHA- DGGI) is developed on the basis of GGI. The index encompasses administrative, agricultural, economic, social, health, environmental, legal/judicial as well as other essential criteria.

## Why DGGI?

DGGI provides comparative picture with valuable districtwise insights into their strong and weak areas of performances. It assesses the status of government mechanism at District-level based on which Districts will be ranked and present a comparative picture for prompt actions.