



Himachal Pradesh has been ranked 1st in governance among the 12 small States of India for the 2nd consecutive year in Public Affairs Index (PAI) released by the PAC Bengaluru in the index of child rights. Kerala is also 1st for the 3rd time among larger States. Dr. Purnima Chauhan, Secretary Administrative Reforms & Language, Art & Culture received the award on 21-07-2018 on behalf of the State from Dr. K. Kasturirangan, Chairman, PAC at a well attended ceremony in Bengaluru. On the PAI ranking for 2018 HP is followed by Goa, Mizoram, Sikkim and Tripura. The consistent performance of Himachal Pradesh on good governance was held to be remarkable also for the very low levels of economic, social and gender disparities. HP ranked very well on all three as our growth pattern is inclusive and proof of the SDG mission of "leaving no one behind" in development.

Chief Secretary, Sh. Vineet Chawdhary and Secy (AR, LAC) Purnima Chauhan handed over the award to Hon'ble Chief Minister Sh. Jai Ram Thakur. Hon'ble Chief Minister, HP appreciated and validated the consistent sincere efforts made by the officers of the Government of Himachal Pradesh for achieving this award.

