

NMC MBBS SEAT MATRIX • AY 2025-26 → AY 2026-27

India's MBBS Seats:

The Big Seat Check

Every year, the National Medical Commission (NMC) publishes the official “seat matrix” — the exact count of how many students each medical college in India can admit into MBBS. This report compares last year's list (AY 2025-26) with this year's (AY 2026-27), state by state, so you can see exactly where India's doctor-in-training spots grew — and where they didn't.

1,36,939 Total MBBS seats, AY 2026-27	+10,564 New seats added this year	+8.4% National growth rate
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Sources: NMC Public Notice U-15029/09/2025-UGMEB (13-07-2026) and NMC Public Notice CDN-20011/335/2025-CDN-NMC (29-10-2025). Population: StatisticsTimes.com 2026 projections. AIIMS / Institutes of National Importance (INIs) / JIPMER excluded from both years for a fair, like-for-like comparison.

FIRST, THE BASICS

What are we even looking at?

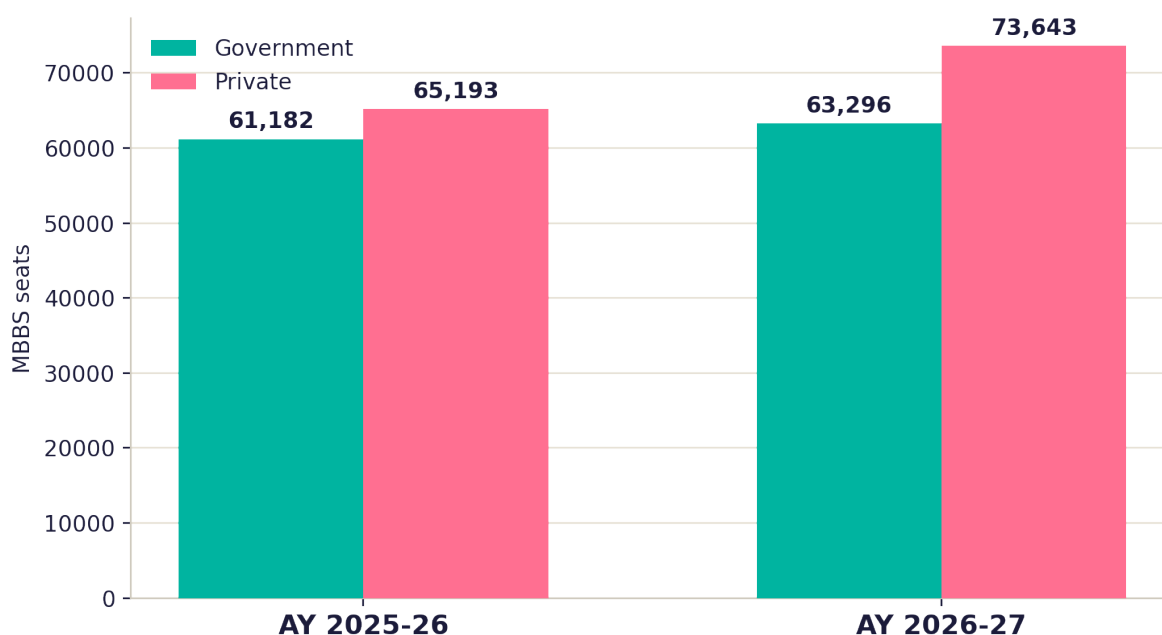
Quick definitions before the charts — skip this if you already speak “NEET.”

Term	What it means
 Seat	One admission spot for one student, in one MBBS batch, at one college, for one year.
 Government vs  Private	Government colleges are run by the state/central govt (cheaper fees). Private colleges are run by trusts, societies or companies (usually costlier).
 Seats per 10 lakh population	If a state had exactly 10,00,000 people, how many MBBS seats would exist for them? Higher = easier to get a local seat.
 Excluded: AIIMS & INIs	We removed AIIMS and other “Institutes of National Importance” from both years, since they're allotted centrally and aren't part of the state-level story.

THE NATIONAL PICTURE

Govt seats grew a little. Private seats grew a lot.

Government seats are the harder ones to add — new government colleges take years to build. Private seats can expand faster when an existing college gets permission to add more spots.

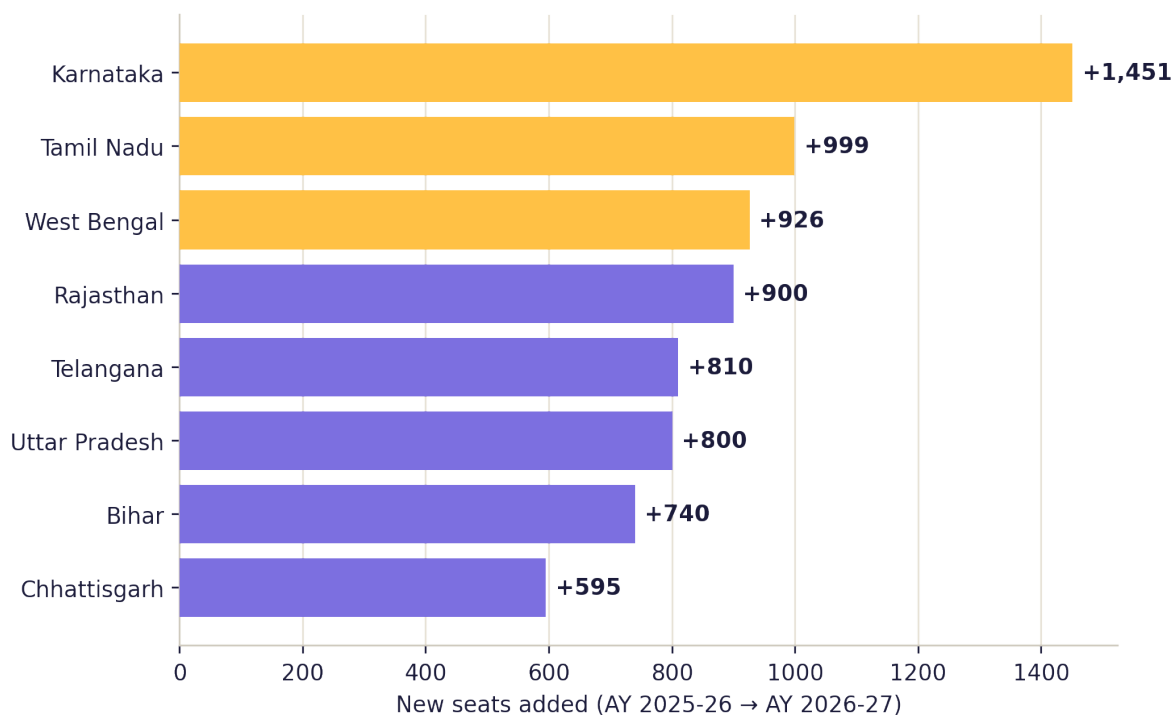


Management	AY 2025-26	AY 2026-27	Change	% change
Government	61,182	63,296	+2,114	+3.5%
Private	65,193	73,643	+8,450	+13.0%
All India	1,26,375	1,36,939	+10,564	+8.4%

🏆 STAR PERFORMERS

Which states added the most seats?

Ranked by raw number of new seats added between AY 2025-26 and AY 2026-27.

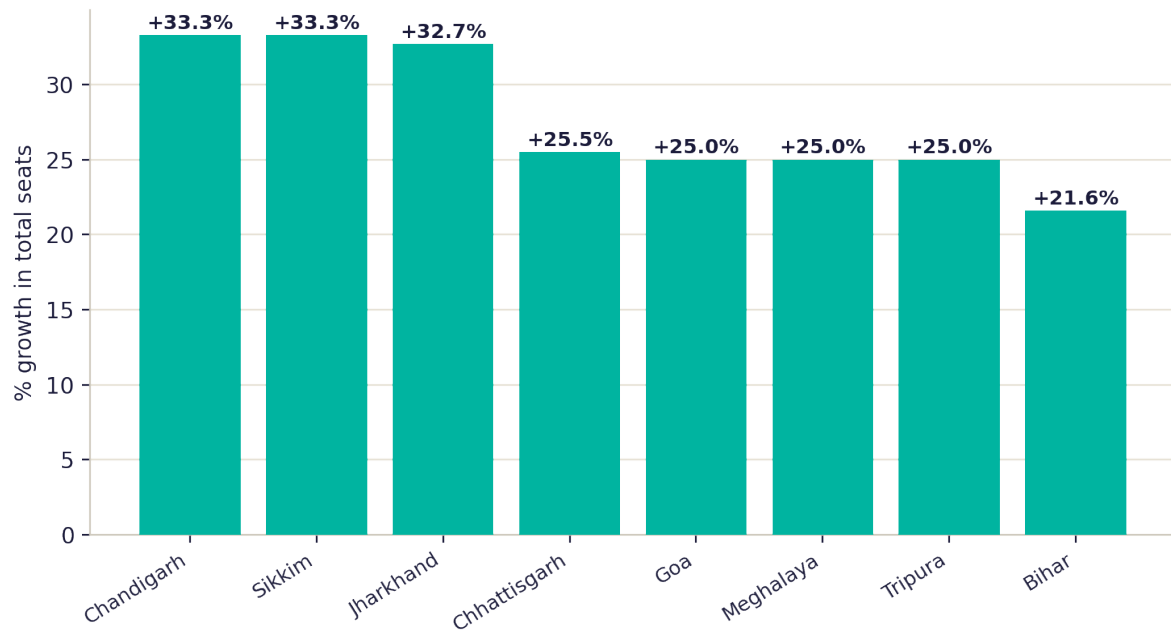


Rank	State	New seats	% growth
1	Karnataka	+1,451	+10.4%
2	Tamil Nadu	+999	+7.7%
3	West Bengal	+926	+14.8%
4	Rajasthan	+900	+12.5%
5	Telangana	+810	+8.6%
6	Uttar Pradesh	+800	+6.1%
7	Bihar	+740	+21.6%
8	Chhattisgarh	+595	+25.5%

🚀 FASTEST GROWING (BY %)

Smaller states, biggest jumps

Percentage growth tells a different story — small states can post huge % gains from a modest number of new seats.



STANDING STILL

6 states/UTs added zero new seats this year

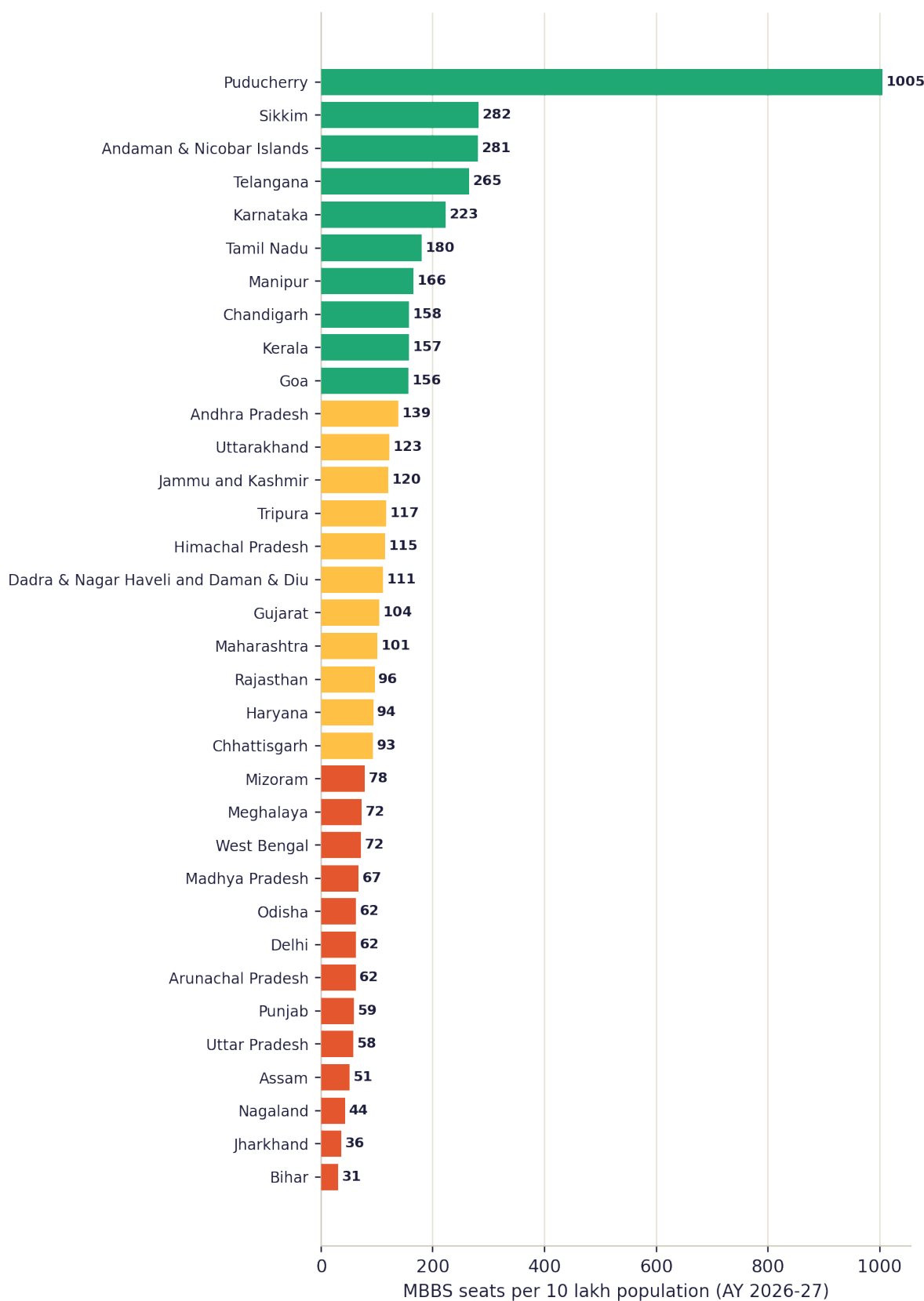
Not necessarily bad news — some of these already run at their existing colleges' full capacity and simply didn't apply for an increase this cycle.

- Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Union Territory)
- Arunachal Pradesh
- Assam
- Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu (Union Territory)
- Mizoram
- Nagaland

THE FULL LEADERBOARD

Seats per 10 lakh population — every state, ranked

This is the fairest way to compare a huge state to a tiny one: how many MBBS seats exist for every 10,00,000 people who live there. Green = best access, red = most room to grow.



* **Heads up — Puducherry is a statistical outlier.** It's a tiny Union Territory (population $\approx$ 17.7 lakh) that happens to host 7 private medical colleges, giving it roughly 1,000+ seats per 10 lakh population — about 3-4x higher than the next-best state/UT (Sikkim, $\sim$ 282). That's a real feature of Puducherry (a long-time hub for private medical colleges), not a data error — but it does dwarf every other bar on this chart, so read the rest of the ranking on its own terms.

NEEDS THE MOST IMPROVEMENT

These 5 states have the fewest seats for their population

Huge populations, relatively few MBBS seats — meaning tougher local competition and longer journeys to the nearest medical college.

State	Population (crore)	Total seats (AY 26-27)	Seats / 10L pop.
Bihar	13.3	4,160	31.3
Jharkhand	4.1	1,500	36.5
Nagaland	0.2	100	43.5
Assam	3.7	1,875	50.9
Uttar Pradesh	24.3	14,000	57.5

BOTTOM LINE

Five things to remember

- 01** India added 10,564 new MBBS seats in one year — an 8.4% jump nationally.
- 02** Private colleges grew nearly 4x faster than government colleges (13.0% vs 3.5%).
- 03** Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal added the most seats in absolute numbers.
- 04** Bihar, Jharkhand and Nagaland still have the fewest seats per person — the biggest opportunity for future expansion.
- 05** 6 states/UTs — mostly small ones — didn't add a single new seat this cycle.

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