

13	Kerala High Court	1958	Kerala & Lakshadweep	Ernakulam	<a href="http://kar.nic.in/hcourt/">http://kar.nic.in/hcourt/</a>
14	Madhya Pradesh High Court Approved Strength 42 (Permanent judges - 31 and additional Judges - 11)	1956	Madhya Pradesh	Jabalpur (Benches at Gwalior and Indore)	<a href="http://mphighcourt.nic.in/">http://mphighcourt.nic.in/</a>
15	Madras High Court	1862	Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry	Madras (Bench at Madurai)	<a href="http://causelists.nic.in/chennai_new/index1.html">http://causelists.nic.in/chennai_new/index1.html</a>
16	Orissa High Court	1948	Orissa	Cuttack	<a href="http://causelists.nic.in/orissa/index1.html">http://causelists.nic.in/orissa/index1.html</a>
17	Patna High Court	1916	Bihar	Patna	<a href="http://patnahighcourt.bih.nic.in/">http://patnahighcourt.bih.nic.in/</a>
18	Punjab & Haryana High Court (was known as Punjab High Court up to 1975)	1975	Punjab, Haryana & Chandigarh	Chandigarh	<a href="http://highcourt.chd.nic.in/newhpage/default.htm">http://highcourt.chd.nic.in/newhpage/default.htm</a>
19	Rajasthan High Court	1949	Rajasthan	Jodhpur (Bench at Jaipur)	<a href="http://hcraj.nic.in/">http://hcraj.nic.in/</a>
20	Sikkim High Court	1975	Sikkim	Gangtok	—
21	Uttarakhand High Court	2000	Uttarakhand	Nainital	<a href="http://gov.ua.nic.in/highcourt/index.htm">http://gov.ua.nic.in/highcourt/index.htm</a> <a href="http://causelists.nic.in/nanital/index1.html">http://causelists.nic.in/nanital/index1.html</a>

## CONCLUSION

High Courts in India have gone through more than two century of development. The territorial jurisdictional changes continue even today. Some of the recent developments are as follows:-

- > Three new High Courts have been established in the year 2000, namely Jharkhand, Uttaranchal and Chhattisgarh High Courts.
- > Karnataka State Government has approved establishment of Circuit Bench of the Karnataka High Court at Dharwad in North Karnataka.
- > There is a demand for a circuit Bench in Jalpaiguri in Northern West Bengal.

As of today the High Court has general jurisdiction and responsibility, under the Constitution and other Laws, for the administration of justice throughout respective territorial jurisdiction. The jurisdiction extends over both criminal and civil matters, and deals with cases at first instance or on appeal from other courts and certain tribunals.

\* Sh. Raj Singh Niranjana is an author & Law officer. He can be reached at [raj.singh.niranjana@gmail.com](mailto:raj.singh.niranjana@gmail.com).