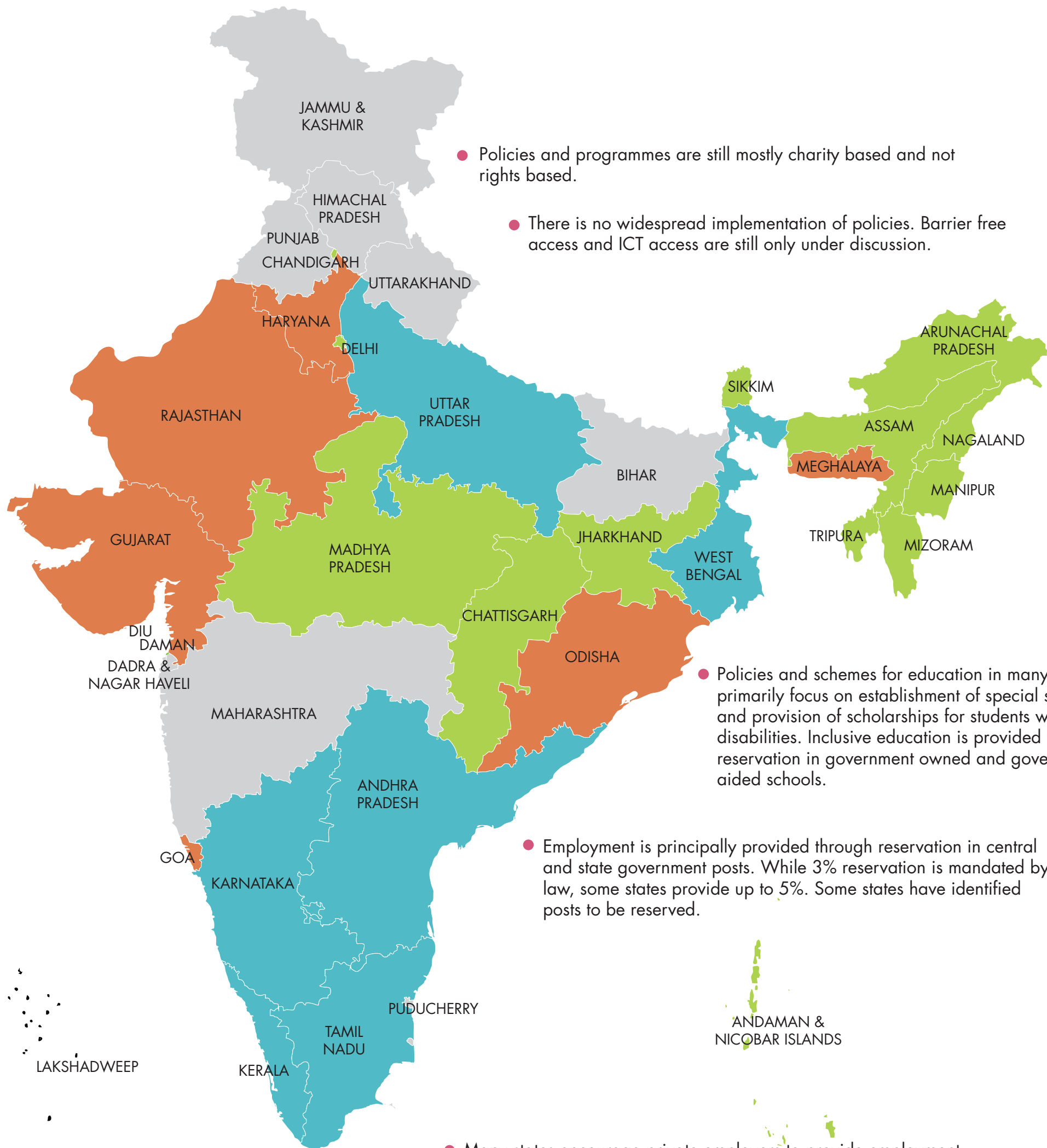


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Research on Indian state laws, policies and programmes for persons with disabilities



- Policies and programmes are still mostly charity based and not rights based.

- There is no widespread implementation of policies. Barrier free access and ICT access are still only under discussion.

- Policies and schemes for education in many states primarily focus on establishment of special schools and provision of scholarships for students with disabilities. Inclusive education is provided through reservation in government owned and government aided schools.

- Employment is principally provided through reservation in central and state government posts. While 3% reservation is mandated by law, some states provide up to 5%. Some states have identified posts to be reserved.

- Many states encourage private employers to provide employment for persons with disabilities through incentives in form of recognition and awards. Subsidised loans and grants to encourage self employment are also being implemented.

- Many states provide free and subsidised aids and appliances such as tricycles, prosthetic limbs, white canes, hearing aids etc.

- Most states provide free travel in state transport for disabled and an escort.

