There is uneven progress across social groups in Madhya Pradesh. Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes in particular have very high poverty levels. In addition, they lag behind in schooling and access to salaried jobs. Apart from households that belong to the General category, there is high open defecation and poor access to drinking water for most households in Madhya Pradesh. Scheduled Tribes are the worst off.
Stark contrast in educational attainment across social groups in Madhya Pradesh

**Education attainment, 2012 (% adults)**

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Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes in Madhya Pradesh have more casual wage jobs compared to other social groups

**Share of employed, 2012 (%)**

- **Scheduled Tribe**
  - Casual Wage: 45
  - Salaried: 6
  - Self-employed: 49

- **Scheduled Caste**
  - Casual Wage: 47
  - Salaried: 10
  - Self-employed: 43

- **Other Backward Caste**
  - Casual Wage: 25
  - Salaried: 10
  - Self-employed: 65

- **General**
  - Casual Wage: 24
  - Salaried: 11
  - Self-employed: 65
Open defecation in Madhya Pradesh is high for most social groups, is highest for Scheduled Tribes

Households practicing open defecation, 2012 (%)

Households in Madhya Pradesh have poor access to drinking water, except for those in the General category

Households with drinking water on premises, 2012 (%)