

DEMOCRACY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

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ABSTRACT

The importance of governance has been clearly underlined in the Indian Constitution, which is based on a sovereign, socialist, secular and democratic republic. Also committed to democracy, rule of law and welfare of the people. Looking at the history of ancient India, it is known that Manu Kautilya, Shukra and beyond that Gokhale, Tilak etc. have also thrown light on the subject of good governance. Manu's "Manusmriti", Kautilya's "Arthashastra", both the king's works considering public welfare as important, the concept of Su-Raj, which essentially means good governance, was given by Mahatma Gandhi. In the context of Indian scriptures If the meaning of good governance is searched, then Bhagavad Gita refers to good governance, management, leadership, dutifulness and self-power several times which can be reinterpreted in modern context as well and similarly Shukra's Shukraneeti, Bhatrihari's policy and Vishnu Sharma Various parts of good governance have also been highlighted in 'Hitopadesh Mitralabh' written by. Talking about the modern era, different types of international organizations like UNESCO, United Nations, WHO, International Human Rights Commission have also adopted good governance. Looking at the Indian scenario, National Commission for Minorities, National Commission for Children, Women and Child Development Commission have also thrown a detailed light on this subject.

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Introduction

Meaning of Good Governance

We all expect that our governments working at different levels should do good and effective work. We know that the state originated with the aim of ensuring a safe, secure and happy living conditions, the state promotes excellence in our lives and guarantees security. Kautilya says, "It is the essential duty of the government to work for the moral, material, intellectual and cultural progress of the people.¹ For this reason, while studying Rajya Shastra, a good government and getting rid of the difficulties faced by it. The measures of governance and the role of people in determining a good governance process have been described in detail. To understand the concept of good governance, first of all, we need to understand the meaning of governance. Providing goods and services for all-round development and using power and rights to fulfill their wishes and needs is good governance. Thus it can be said that governance is a system related to dominance, policy and planning and its implementation. The general public expects that their government should do such work which can give more good results in less cost. That governance can be considered good where the decisions and policies of the government are based on responsibility with the consent of the general public and with the consent of the public. good car for profit Do what In ancient times, brutal state was considered as a weapon of good governance. But in the modern era, an aware, liberal, welfare and taking care of the interests of the citizens, the state is considered as the best state. Good governance at the national and international level is one of the main concepts of development, examples of which we can see in different countries as well, the creation of new levels of cooperation for skill development and knowledge shows its positivity.

Kautilya has mentioned the characteristics of good law and order, public-welfare administration, decisions based on justice and logic and corruption-free governance etc. under good governance.

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Meaning of Democracy

Democracy has existed since ancient times in many countries like India and Europe. In this system, the power of governance is not vested in any one person but it is vested in the entire public. In this regard, Abraham Lincoln has given the most accurate definition that democracy is that form of governance in which there is governance by the people and for the people. To understand democracy in a deeper sense, it can be said that from the time of Aristotle till today, generally three forms of governance have been prevalent - monarchy, oligarchy and democracy, but it has become clear from the historical experience of a long time that monarchy or Instead of working in the interest of the general public, the oligarchy takes care of the interests of some special people or a special class. On the basis of these facts, the need to change the basic form of governance was felt. Democracy was adopted in the form of this change.

Democracy is a synonym for the English word democracy which is made up of two words 'demos' and 'kratia'. Which means the power of governance, in this form democracy is called that system of governance. In which the people themselves directly or indirectly rule through their representatives keeping in view the interest of the entire public. On this basis, two types of democratic governance are considered (1) Direct democracy (2) Indirect democracy In direct democracy, the sovereign public directly participates in governance, determines policy, makes laws and appoints administrative officers to control them. Controls and in indirect democracy when the sovereign people themselves do not exercise this type of sovereignty directly but work through their representatives. In this, the public elects its representatives for a fixed period fixed by the constitution and these people's representatives work keeping in mind the interest of the public.

Present State of Democracy

Presently the world is becoming more and more democratic and we are the witnesses of this era. For the first time in human history, a large part of the world's population is included under freely elected governments. As a result, most of the people of the world are now happily under democratic forces. In its current phase, democracy has spread to Western Europe, the former colonies of North America, Australia and New Zealand. Democracy has now spread to Southern Europe, Eastern Europe, Latin America, Asia and parts of Africa as well, with such rapid growth a global wave of democracy has started. Since, democracy has expanded. So there is a lot of variation in its operation. At the same time, to give expression to this notion, it is necessary to link it with the political institutions of a state and at present there is open competition for a free vote in a democratic state out of two forms of democracy, namely direct and indirect democracy (representative). All adult citizens have the right to vote and the voters decide who is placed in key positions in the government. But the current situation in relation to voters is also that politicians influence voters in elections in the name of political education and it has also been seen that poor and apathetic voters have no knowledge about their democratic rights and Nor do they use them at all. In relation to these things, Robert Dahl mentions two dimensions of democratic government. The first dimension is public participation in the political process and the second is the competition among political parties for getting the post. They also describe five parameters of the democratic process – active participation, equality of voting, operation of public awareness programs and inclusion. There is an open process of political change and greater participation of the public in governance. At present, most of the democratic countries of the world are in the process of superficial democratization, along with that the process of strengthening good governance is going on.³

Need for Good Governance in a Democracy

Democracy is considered to be the rule of the people, by the people, for the people. That is, in which the public is paramount, in this way, there is a great need for good governance in democracy to ensure maximum participation of the public in governance and to achieve the principles of democracy in a successful form, because good governance is a step towards governance, This leads to the development of more efficiency in the methods of governance, which increases its legitimacy and credibility. After the 1990s, many institutions, countries and international organizations of the world, striving towards development, 'United Nations' also used the term administration and gradually other countries of the world also used it to improve the quality of governance adopted. In the Indian context, it has been important since ancient times. Kautilya's Arthashastra', Manu's "Manusmriti" etc. in many other texts, it has been said that the progress of the king, that is, the progress of the state lies in the progress of the people. In fact, the importance of the concept of democracy can be said only in the attainment of good governance. Therefore, in order to achieve some of the basic elements of good governance such

as accountability, transparency, participation, credibility, rule of law, sensitivity in the reactions of governance, full respect for human rights, etc. Level has also agreed and activism has increased. Why there is a need for good governance in a democracy, it can be understood more clearly through the following points:

- To get rid of the defects of misgovernance.
- To get positive results in government schemes.
- To make democracy successful in true sense.
- for transparency between the government and the public.
- To increase equal participation of citizens in governance.
- To take the promises and policies of the government to the public.
- To generate faith in public towards democracy
- To remove the defects of bureaucracy.
- for the attainment of public welfare form of the state.
- To make the state machinery aware and sensitive to the needs of the people.
- To create awareness about the rights and duties of the citizens.
- The main concept of good governance at national and international level - "to achieve efficiency and development of governance".
- for corruption free governance based on justice and logic.

Current Status of Good Governance

At present, good governance is being discussed not only in India but at the whole world level. Some time back, the Home Minister of India Mr. Amit Shah has released Good Governance Index (GGI) 2021 (Good Governance Index) in which Gujarat has overall has secured the top position. This index was launched on Good Governance Day. Which on 25th December, the former Prime Minister of India Late. Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee's birthday is celebrated as good governance. The Good Governance Index has been prepared by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, party sector and 58 indicators have been used in its preparation, out of which 10 sectors are as follows:

- Agriculture sector
- Industry Sector
- Public Health
- Public infrastructure and utility
- Economic Governance
- Social Welfare and Development
- Judicial and Public Security
- Citizen centric governance etc. is important.
- Other areas related to agriculture business.

States and Union Territories are divided into four parts in the index

- Group -1
- Group - 2
- North East Hill States
- Union Territories

According to the Good Governance Index, 20 states have improved their position and Delhi has secured the first position. The Good Governance Week was organized by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances in collaboration with various Ministries on the theme of 'Administration Village'. In which good governance oath is also administered to the personnel. Madhya Pradesh has been ranked first in the country in the National Good Governance Index. The best personnel in the state are also rewarded. It is clear from the above description that in comparison to the previous years, there have been many improvements in the direction of establishing good governance. Still there is scope for more reforms which need to be done not only at the central level but also at the state level.⁴

Relevance and Importance

If we look at the current perspective, whether it is politics, society or government office. Corruption and misappropriation are prevalent in most of the places. In such times, the relevance of good governance increases even more. At present, the common man is also not aware of good governance and democracy, nor is he aware of his rights, nor is the majority of his duties limited to reproduction and maintenance of the family. Good governance includes public participation, consensus accountability, transparency, accountability fixation, effective and efficient governance and rule of law. In such a situation, the relevance of good governance proves itself. If we talk about the importance of good governance today, then it is clear that the rise of good governance is to make the life of the common man better and orderly and this is not possible without ensuring the accountability of the government towards the public. The importance of good governance becomes all the more important when the state of governance is seen to be paralyzed. The importance of good governance in a state, without it, the concept of complete development is incomplete and economic development does not remain stable, as well as the elements of economic development, investment, production, distribution and consumption etc. have to face various problems. If good governance is established in any state, then all these obstacles automatically go away and the resources of the state can be distributed properly.⁴ Good governance has an important role for a nation to become a developed nation from a developing one. Good governance is equally important for social and political development. As for economic development.

Conclusion and Suggestion

In the end, it can be said in conclusion that good governance is the proper management of state, society and resources, it is responsible for the protection and development of the interests of all classes. It emphasizes public sector management, legal framework for development, accountability, transparency and silent flow of information. When good governance is established in any state, some of its characteristics are automatically estimated by people, then participation, The characteristics of good governance like rule of law, transparency and accountability as well as equality and effectiveness can be seen in that state. Good governance is an important connecting link for any state for political-economic and social development.⁵ In which the public not only has the right to express its views but also gets the right to criticize, which increases the scope for improvement in governance, good governance and progress are complementary to each other, which is beneficial to citizens irrespective of religion, caste and gender. Protects all rights, due to which the development index of any nation rises. Therefore, to establish good governance in any democratic state, to make the citizens aware, oriented towards education, aware of corruption, informed about the policies of the government, informed about the principles of democracy, various welfare schemes of the state. It is absolutely necessary to make aware and to launch new welfare schemes in the state to advance the downtrodden sections of the society.

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