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# Crisis of Good Governance in Pakistan: Need for reforms and institution building

## 1) Introduction

There is no denying the fact that the performance of governance system in Pakistan has remained unsatisfactory since very long. However, it can be improved if certain pragmatic measures are taken and needed reforms are introduced.

## 2) Defining the concept of good governance

## 3) Challenges facing good governance in Pakistan;

3.1) Polarized and unstable political environment

3.2) Continuous low economic growth  
GDP growth rate 2 percent - (IMF)

3.3) Alarmingly high corruption  
Corruption Perception Index ranks the country 133 out of 180 countries

3.4) Appalling situation of living standards  
39.4 percent population living below the poverty line (PIDE)

3.5) High Unemployment rate  
6.3 percent of labour force is unemployed.  
(Economic Survey 2023-24)

3.6) Crime rate increasing alarmingly  
Case in point: Crime rate in Street  
Crime in Karachi

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3.7) Failure in complete devolution of power to the grassroots levels.

Article: 140A → waiting implementation

3.8) Dismal performance of judiciary in the dispensing justice

Rule of Law Index rank the country 130 out of 142 countries

3.9) Lack of Accountability

3.10) Hike in terrorist activities in the country

67% rise in 2023 from 2022 (PICSS)

#### 4) Reforming Governance system in Pakistan

4.1) Ensuring Political stability in the country

4.2) Devising long-term policies for sustainable economic growth.

4.3) Introducing stringent measures to curb corrupt practices

4.4) Establishing robust accountability system by making accountability Bureaus independent of political intervention

4.5) Devolving power to the local governments.

4.6) Making Judicial system robust and independent

4.7) Ensuring complete independence of Media and press

World Press Freedom Index: Pakistan stands at 152 out of 180 nations.

4.8) Improving coordination amongst different levels of government

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4.9) Taking measures to improve living standards of people

Case Study: China → elevated 800m people from poverty.

4.10) Curbing rise of terrorist activities by taking on board political forces and local peoples.

5. Conclusion