

Good Governance is a distant dream in Pakistan

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3- Good Governance - An elusive dream in Pakistan

- a) Inadequate Revenue Collection
- b) Corruption of all size, from mega to moderate to minor is the biggest problem.
- c) Threat from international power hoppers the way towards good governance.
- d) Violation of human rights is the reason for lack of trust in government.
- e) Shortage of skilled human Resources
- f) Lack of public participation in decision-making process.
- g) Ineffective mechanisms for delivery services due to inadequate infrastructure.
- h) Weak accountability process in institutions
- i) Political instability in the country

4. Successful Government Models around the World

- a) Singapore with an iron grip from 1959 to 1990, eradicated corruption and inefficiencies
- b) Dubai has developed into a world-renowned Metropolis.

5. Way Forward: How does the dream of Good Governance become Reality?

- a) Robust Rule of law in promoting Good Governance.
- b) Effective Public Service delivery is important.
- c) Effective Governance requires the Performance of local authorities
- d) Government Departments should function independently free from external interference.

6. Conclusion

Introduction

Right after independence, Pakistan; conceived as an Islamic democratic state, has embarked on a tumultuous journey that has traversed twisting paths in the realm of governance. Independence, public participation, national consistency, constitutional supremacy, media independence and socio-economic development are key elements of Good Governance for a country to thrive.

There are certain elements that impede the progress of Governance. Corruption influences every sector of the state from small business transactions to large business deals, and from governing the union council to governing the state.

Pakistan is confronting serious threats from within, outside, and international powers which are further hampering the way towards good governance. Poor functioning of local government, weak accountability process and ineffective mechanisms for delivery services are hurdles in progress of Governance. Effective Governance requires the performance of local authorities. The crucial component is the willingness, team selection, and leadership commitment to the nation, which lays the groundwork for successful outcomes that result from capacity building, grooming and accountability.

Conclusion

Pakistan's struggle with weak governance stems from corruption, inter institutional rivalry, and a lack of accountability. To achieve good governance, we must prioritize competence over nepotism, focus on international issues, and decentralize power to local bodies. Adherence to the constitution, rule of law, transparency and public service should guide our actions. It's imperative to understand that the soul of a nation thrives in good governance, and its core resides in the steadfast commitment to principles rather than the empowerment of individuals.

"True excellence is not about outperforming others, but above consistently outperforming yourself in service to the greater good." (Marcus Aurelius)