

Democracy in Pakistan  
will remain insecure  
without a strong local  
government

(I) Introduction

Thesis Statement:

Democracy is the pathway  
"of any nation to grow, but  
without the robust implementation  
of local government such Pakistan  
and other countries remains  
worthless where local government  
is suppressed.

(II) Co-relation between demo-  
cracy and local government:  
A bird's eye view.

(III) How democracy in  
Pakistan is insecure  
without local government

(a) Compromising the proper  
participation of people

Case in point  
Article 140(A)

- (b) Demoralizing the culture of elections.

Case in point

Decreasing ratio of votes.

- (c) Imbalancing the rule of law

Case in point

prioritizing biased people.

- (d) Challenging the route of accountability among people

Case in point-

South Asian Countries.

- (e) promoting dynastic political mantra.

Case in point

PPP, PML-N and JUI-F.

- (f) Halting the process of decentralization of power

Case in point

Kerala State of India.

- (g) violating the voter based approach equality and equity.

Can in point.

Resources distribution.

- (h) Stepping down the confidence of local people.

Case in point.

Hard core Strategic Culture.

- (i) Upholding the pathway of poverty and prosperity.

Case in point-

Jobs Opportunities.

- (j) Minimizing the environment of valued education and its rational version.

Case in point.

Illiteracy and unethical rational approach.

- (k) Bringing down the transparent culture in the country.

Case in point-

Merit-based policy.

- (l) Damaging the spirit of Democracy.

Case in point-

Free fair elections.

(iv) Local government upholds  
the true spirit of  
democracy.

(a) Constitutional responsibility  
of conducting local elections.

Case in point-

1973 mandate of  
election

(b) Equal rights and participation  
of people

Case in point.

UNDP 1998

(c) Balance of the good  
governance

Case in point-

All are full responsible  
for their deeds.

v) Conclusion

After emerging the concept of the "Nation-state-System" in 1648, every state was declared as the Sovereign State. At that epoch of time, all the countries started pursuing the model of democracy. However, in the history, there is one thing that governs the world ~~which~~ is the modern democracy. Ergo, all the global actors adopted the democratic values and made it their destination. Nevertheless, they also realized that without the local participation of people, the true spirit of democracy remains insecure. Similarly, in the case of Pakistan, Pakistan and its democratic model is unacceptable without the local government. Even though the constitution of Pakistan defines in Article 140(A), that the local government election is a mandatory throughout the country. To add to that,

in the perspective of Pakistan, how democracy is insecure without local government. It compromises the proper participation of people and demoralizes the culture of elections. Moreover, it imbalances rule of law and challenges the soul of accountability. Not only this, but it also promotes dynastic political mafia and halts the process of decentralization of power. Likewise, local government either upholds the true spirit of democracy. In such ways, it is the constitutional responsibility to be conducted local government elections. It caters the equal rights and participations of people. Thus, local government is the great witness of the democratic values.

To start with, democracy and local government are

interconnected by the perspective of public service delivery. Furthermore, democracy revolves around the equal participation and rights of people, but local government is the ~~practical~~ practical version of all the above demands of democracy. According to the Democracy International Index, local government ensures the values of the democracy in the globe. Thus, both are the valuable domains of the system.

Without the implementing of the local government, democracy compromises the proper participation of people. There is no denying the fact, that democracy is itself nothing without participation of the local people. It is only feasible by the local government existence. Along with that, the constitutions of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan renders

the mantra of equality before law in the Article 25 of the constitution. Therefore, local government enhances the participation of people.

Moreover, absence of the local government, the culture of election is demoralizing day to day. According to Election Commission of Pakistan, the ratio of people casting the votes remained down for because people were very dismayed due to the local government's ~~inclusion~~ <sup>low</sup> inclusiveness. Ergo, people are moving away from participating <sup>in</sup> the election process. It is the horrific tragedy of the system and democracy.

Furthermore, The imbalance of the rule of law is upsurging because of the lack of proper local government.



implementation. However, the rule of law is the very crucial component of the democracy and through this part, the foundation of the good governance is adjusted in the society. This is the same rule of law is compromised under the low settlement of local government. in democratic state.

Resider, accountability is at the brink of destruction in the period of the local government, people become accountable to the public who elect them and at the bottom level, they get them responsible whatever is happening in the society. local government channelizes the segment of good governance and democracy that is proper accountability. Hence, accountability is the origin of the local government.

Mostly important, the lack of proper implementation promotes the dynastic political mantra. Although democracy provides the balanced opportunity to all the people and their leadership, in Pakistan due to improper practice of the local government, the concept of dynastic political mantra ~~has~~<sup>is</sup> rampantly expanding ~~across~~ across Pakistan. This practice not only demoralizes the status of democracy, but also halts the process of local elections in the country.

Meanwhile, the process of the decentralization of power is no longer prevalent. In history of Pakistan, the decentralization remained <sup>only</sup> in the dictatorship but, in democratic era, it has been beset with hurdles and shortcomings in the local certain period of time. However,

there is the pragmatic example of the decentralization power that is Kerala model of the Indian states. This model truly enlightens the better settlement of the local governance.

Similarly, democracy builds the equality and equity, but absence of the local government, the violation of both the aforementioned elements happen. Local government is the accurate guarantee of the equality and equity among people and their resources. At the bottom level of the system, democracy delivers its values through the local government empowerment. Therefore, equality and equity indicates the equal standard of the distribution.

First, Confidence of people

is sharply stepping down. The process of local government and its empowerment upholds the strength and confidence of people over the democracy. However, in Pakistan, people are altogether disappointed because of the hard-core strategy of the authority that impedes the door of democracy.

Second, democracy grows the prosperity and welfare in any country through the local government, but low standard enforcement of the local government country endures the impoverishment at the extreme level. The purpose of the local government is to cater the underlying facilities to the people who are deprived of the proper shelter, food, and cloth. Thus, it scrutinizes the local local.

to government through democracy.

Third, local government reforms in the education by implementing of the democratic principles. As constitutions of Pakistan make clarifies in the Article 25(A) that education is the compulsory for all the children. Similarly, local government ~~is~~ imposes the rights of education in order to bring the democratic version in the society. Unfortunately, in the state of Pakistan, the local government is ineffective. And, that is the robust reason that democracy is unsecure. Moreover, it also gives rise to the national version of educational environment.

Fourth, local government bring the transparent culture in the country. Transparency

is the one of the underlying elements of the democracy.

It sustains the worth of the institutions and builds strong the body of local government. Nonetheless, this body is no longer prevalent in the country. Therefore, merit based culture has stepped down because of the absence of democratic process in realm of local government.

Consequently, the constitutional responsibility of the local government is to maintain spirit and principle of democracy. Whatever elections of local government have been conducted, these elections have the bright responsibilities to bring the balance of approach among people to people and institution to institution as well. As the prominent author of the book,

of Governing, the governable written by Ishrat Hussain. Said that institutions and people rely on the democracy, but it comes through the proper local government. Thus, local government is the real ground of democracy.

Further, it also gives rise to the equal participation of people. Local government opens the environment for everyone in society. Whoever wants to participate and is willing to be candidate for election, he or she can be for it. It not only is the custodian of the democracy but fulfills the ~~present~~ requirements of the international community and UNO Charter (UDHR 1948). So, local government is the framework of the democracy.

Additionally, local government

helps in the balanced good governance. The underlying and core duty of the good is to ~~direct~~ deliver the service to people. Likewise, this is the same chore of the local government to bring the people to prosperity and welfare in the society of Pakistan. When people start enjoying the valued benefits of local government, the good governance is being promoted through democracy.

In conclusion, it is obviously crystal and clear that without the true sense of local government, the democracy in Pakistan is insecure. However, the basic principles of democracy is the human rights, equality, participation, ~~equity~~ accountability and transparency and so



So forth. Furthermore, without local government, the democracy in Pakistan endures a lot. Such as violation of the human rights, low standard of prosperity, no proper delivery service, poor rule of law, increasing dynastic political mantra are directly and indirectly deteriorating the democracy in Pakistan by not adequate implementation of local government. Therefore, local government is the leading door of democracy by implementing and imposing of the fundamental rules of democracy.