

Good Governance without Democratic Accountability is Impossible.

Outline:

1 **Introduction:** There is no doubt that effective governance cannot be achieved without democratic accountability, as it ensures transparency and responsiveness, which are necessary elements of good governance.

2 **Decoding the term Good Governance and Democratic Accountability.**

3 **Importance of Democratic Accountability for Good Governance:**

3.1 It promotes Transparency and Openness leading to better policy Formulation.

3.2 It ensures fair policy implementation.

3.3 It increases the speed of responsiveness and improves the quality of Service delivery.

3.4 Accountability factor leads to prevention of Corruption.

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3-5 Fear of Accountability makes institutions more efficient and effective.

3-6 It increases public participation in governance matters and increases political literacy.

3-7 Democratic accountability upholds the Rule of law.

3-8 It prevents Authoritarianism and Dictatorships.

3-9 Accountability also protects human rights.

3-10 Relationship between Government and people gets strengthened.

4 Best Models to follow for Good Governance:

4-1 E-Governance Model of Estonia.

4-2 Service Delivery measures followed by Scandinavian Countries.

4-3 Anti-Corruption and Accountability measures of Singapore.

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In the words of Goethe, "It is Bad Governance, not the bad people that causes Revolutions". It reflects that the working of institutions in better way is very important because people do not restrain it for very long if they are not working properly. One of the way to keep a check on Governance performance is through accountability of the institutions. It helps in keeping the track of fair implementation of the policies and Consensus building. It also ensures better Service delivery by preventing Corruption and making institutions effective and efficient. It also helps in protecting the human rights and smooth working of the Society. Therefore, it has no doubt that the effective governance can not be achieved without democratic accountability, as it ensures transparency and responsiveness, which are necessary elements of the good governance.

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Before delving into the importance of democratic accountability for good governance, it is important to understand

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the terms Democratic Accountability and Good Governance. By Democratic Accountability it is meant that when people hold responsible to those who are in power. It means that government must be answerable to its citizens and can be held accountable for their actions. This can be happened through election, protests, referendums and other means of public participation. Good Governance refers to the principles and practices that contribute to institutions effective, transparent, and accountable management.

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Democratic Accountability is one of the most important element for Good governance as it promotes Transparency and openness which leads to the better policy formulation. Accountability keeps institutions aware for of transparency which helps them to formulate such policies which are beneficial for the masses. This accountability is only possible if the people are politically literate and are able to understand the policies which will make them able

to hold the institutions accountable. If people are not literate, then even if policies are not in favour of them, they will not be able to understand it. For example Finland with one of the highest literacy rate and critical understanding abilities stands at the first ranking in Transparency and openness according to the US News and world report. Therefore it leads to better policy formulation which is because of Transparency and openness.

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To Conclude, it is evident that good governance is possible only through the mechanism of democratic accountability because it makes sure to institutions work smoothly and properly. It increases the public participation in governance matters, which fills the vacuum and gap between the relationship of government and people and also increases the political literacy in the people which helps them to better understand the working of institutions and their rights as well as their duties.

Accountability also strengthens good governance by upholding Rule of law which prevents authoritarianism and dictatorships as well. There are many countries following good models of Governance which can be an example for other countries to enhance their systems working for the betterment of their people.