

Essay : IDEAL GOVERNANCE

MODEL FOR PAKISTAN

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- 1) Introduction
- 2) Understanding the term ideal governance and its role in fostering a robust democracy
- 3) Factors underpinning the ideal governance model for Pakistan:
 - 3a) Empowering local governments to enhance accountability and public service delivery at grass root levels
 - i- Case study of UK's local govt → district councils and county councils
 - ii- India's → 73rd and 74th constitutional amendments → devolved powers to Panchayat and municipalities
 - 3b) Strengthening participatory governance and civil society engagement by turn tables on inclusiveness in policy decisions
 - i- establishment of citizen report card and alternative budgeting to advance public needs
 - 3c) Promoting meritocracy in recruitments to ensure fair and transparent appointments without political interference
 - i- France model of governance → diverse, multiethnic but meritocratic appointments

3d) Ensuring strong capacity building of civil servants to evolve with growing political, economic and technological needs of society

- i- Case study of Singapore's administrative service (SAS) is a hallmark of efficient public servants

3e) Reducing political tensions with consensus building to implement public policy without hurdles and gridlocks

- i- Case study of India → consensus based politics and long term policies

3f) Promoting democratic consolidations through free and fair elections to win public trust, legitimacy and reliability of policy implementations

- i- Switzerland and Scandinavian countries

3g) Empowering an independent judiciary to ensure protection of fundamental rights of people or to ensure uninterrupted access to public service delivery.

- i- Fair and impartial implementation of writs
- ii- ICJ report (2021) → independent judiciary is indispensable for smooth public service delivery

3h) Strengthening digitalization of bureaucracy and inculcation of technology to foster transparency and responsiveness in governance sectors.

- i- Estonia → 99% of public services are online, enhancing efficiency.

4) Hopes and opportunities for Pakistan ^{that} which have helped ~~the~~ tread its path towards effective and ideal governance:

4a) 18th Amendment has significantly devolved powers to provinces and local government, presenting opportunities for future growth

4b) Pakistan's Digital Initiative and E-governance policies launched in 2019

- i- E-agriculture → E-kissan project
- ii- E-Health → Sehat Sahulat
- iii- E-Education → DigiSkills

4c) Pakistan's efforts for participatory governance through launching citizen portal app - a landmark of responsiveness and effectiveness

5) Challenges facing Pakistan, which are obstructing its way towards developing an efficient and effective governance model:

5a) Partial devolution of power to local governments - ineffective local governance

5b) Politicization of bureaucracy and its rent-seeking behavior

5c) weak digital infrastructure and poor connectivity

5d) weak judiciary with high case backlogs

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6) Measures to counter the challenges ^{faced} ~~faced~~ by governance sector of Pakistan

7) Conclusion

Thesis Statement

Although Pakistan faces numerous hurdles that have hindered its way towards ideal governance, yet factors encompassing transparency, accountability, decentralization, and participation could be inculcated in governance sector to tread the path to ideal governance system for Pakistan.

Essay: changing contours of foreign policy of Pakistan

1) Introduction

2) Historical overview of the Quaid's vision of Pakistan's foreign policy and its evolution

3) Changing contours of Foreign policy of Pakistan:

3a) Shift from geopolitics to geoeconomics

i- recent national security policy (NSC) 2023 → clearly delineates strong economy foundation for national security

3b) Peace for prosperity and rivalry with none approach

i- No tensed relations with economic partners

3c) Maintaining neutral stance over global power rivalries

i- Russia-Ukraine war and Saudi-Iran Hezbollah rivalry

3d) Seeking more regional alliances to leverage win-win development

i- SCO, Asean, SAARC

3e) More diplomatic engagements with Middle East to reap dividends of oil and gas import

i- CAA-1000 construction and Tapi pending

3f) Increasing economic ties with china the capture FDI's for infrastructure, energy and digital economic development

i- CPEC projects success

3g) Melting of ice with Bangladesh since Sheikh Hasina's ouster in economic ties

i- High profile visits exchange between both countries and investment plan

4) Challenges facing Pakistan amidst changing contours of its foreign policy:

i- Rise of Trump and populism threatening funds and aids to Pakistan

i- shutdowns of USaid projects and funding

ii- Issue of Taliban and tenuous relations with Afghanistan

i- IIPE report → more than 40 attacks in month of August, 2024 on strategic points

iii- Pakistan's booming economy, resource constraints and high vulnerability to climate change

i- efforts for climate justice at COP-29 failed

iv- Emergence of non-state actors at western borders and Pakistan's internal sectarian issues

i- BLA in Balochistan ; Taliban in KP and Pashtun violence

5) Measures to rip the evil in the bud to leverage the changing contours of the Pakistan's foreign policy:

5a) Resolving internal challenges of Pakistan - political, economic, governance and security issues

5b) Creating a secure and enabling environment for investors

5c) Peacefully negotiating with mutual compromises with the global and regional powers for national stability and security.

6) (Conclusion)

The Role of Youth in Promoting Political stability and National Unity

1) Introduction

2) How ^{can} youth ~~can~~ play their role in promoting political stability?

a) Youth are the drivers of progress, development and reforms due to their ^{dedicated} energies

i- Book: "Governing the ungovernable" by Ashraf Hussain → importance of youth in institutional reforms and subsequent political stability

b) Through active citizen engagement and citizen-led governance, youth instill elements of stability

i- Dr. Akhtar Hameed → "Organi Pilot Project"
↳ citizen-led governance

c) Educated and politically aware youth are able to hold government accountable

i- Inspiring young individuals embarking on a mission to educate youth politically

Dhrub Rathor from India ; Syed Muzammil Shah from Pakistan.

d) Objective journalism or citizen led journalism is a primary factor in ensuring political awareness and stability

i- Reporters without Borders (RSF) report ^{Scandinavian} countries are highly democratic with highest youth led journalism

e) Promoting peaceful protests over violent protests and advancing grievances through established legal channels

i- Human Rights ^{watch} reports → violent protest by youth causes significant political instability in developing countries — reason of abysmal economic condition

f) Enhanced entrepreneurship in youth embarks country on a road of political stability and prosperity

i- Dharavi → largest Indian slum → 10 million pop → largest source of revenue through waste recycling, not depending on government funds.

3) How ^{do} Youth ^{play their role in} ensuring national unity :

a) Promoting national interests over ethnic based politics

i- sayings of Quaid-e-Azam - You are not
Balochi, Sindhi, Pathan
etc but Pakistani

b) Upholding rule of law supremacy over a particular group

i- Bangladesh revolution → youth was motivated
to uphold norms of rule of law in accessing
opportunities - jobs

c) Ensuring meritocracy over particularism

i- TI report → countries like Finland, which
are having highest meritocracy and transparency are
quite nationally integrated and coherent

d) Sensible, sustainable and responsible use of
resources by citizens

i- Book: "Why men fight" by
Bertrand Russell → substantial cause of national
disunity is irresponsible use of
resources

e) Protecting minorities against the tyranny of
majorities

i- Sindh youth civil society → actively involved
in Dr. Shahnawaz killing case on alleged
blasphemy by police officers

4) Challenges facing youth in promoting political stability and national unity:

a) Political scenario of polarization - tug of war between government and opposition

b) Arbitrary arrests, detentions and victimization of youth engaged in accountability of government

c) Infringement of fundamental rights like right to assembly and association

d) Disruption of internet to hinder youth coordination

5) way forward to empower youth that must be ensured by government to achieve sustainable political stability and national unity:

a) Reducing the tensions between federal and regional governments through dialogue for national interests

b) Providing equal and unrestricted access to fundamental rights and opportunities to take part in decision making process

c) Ensuring transparency in allocation of resources and appointments.