

# Good Governance in Pakistan: an Elusive Dream or an Achievable Reality?

## Outline

### I Introduction

Good governance in Pakistan is an achievable reality. Though it is ~~opine~~ that it is an elusive dream, measures can be taken to achieve the dream earlier.

### II How Good Governance in Pakistan is an Achievable Reality

A. Sense of accountability and transparency in institutions;

a. Role of social media in making public servants more accountable

b. Strong and more active watchdog & watchdog institutions

B. Enhanced connectivity and improvement in trade and business

a. Emergence of e-commerce and ~~the~~ cross-border trade

b. Better infrastructural development boost business activities within the country

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Spelling mistakes

C. Improvement in education sector: a step forward towards good governance;

a. literacy rate from 47% in 1997 to 62% in 2025

b. Enrolment of youth in higher education

D. Reducing gender inequality in politics and society;

a. Women quota in assemblies along with right to vote

b. Increasing number of women in workforce

E. Prevailing rule of law in every sphere of life;

a. Reduction of favoritism and nepotism in public offices

b. Case in point: Noor Muqadam case, Zainab murder case

F. A huge population of Generation-Z: well aware and educated youth;

a. Free and easy to access to information

b. Case in point: Revolts in Bangladesh and New Zealand

IV Good Governance in Pakistan is



## Considered as an Elusive Dream.

A. Militarization of politics in the country;

a. Military coups in Pakistan: a historical overview

b. Recent constitutional amendments: another way of extension to military head

B. Equality before laws: a mere slogan;

a. Immunity given to those who are above the law in the recent amendment

b. Case in point: General Pervez Musharraf convicted but justice was never served

C. Rise in insurgency and terrorism: a hurdle for economy

a. Attacks of different groups like TTP and BLA

b. Suicide attacks on foreigners in general and on Chinese in particular

D. Unavailability of Basic Rights to the down trodden people and minorities;

a. Mob lynching: a common phenomenon

b. Case in point: 26 million out of school children

## V Lays Forward to Achieve the Dream of Good Governance in Pakistan Earlier

A. Strengthen civil institute and democratic norms:

a. Charter of democracy - a hope for civil empowerment

b. Demilitarization of politics and depoliticization of judiciary

B. Ensure the rule of law prevail in the country:

a. Supremacy of Constitution:

protection of basic rights of citizens

b. Motorway rape case - a case study

C. Military operation Diplomatic tools along with military operation: a solution for terrorism

a. Peace deal with Afghanistan to counter TTP

b. Operation Zarb-e-Azab - case in point

D. Constitution of Pakistan 1973: the guardian of basic rights;

a. Article 36, protection of minorities

b. Article 25-A, right to education

## VI Conclusion



## Essay

Better to start with an attention grabber

Pakistan came into existence with weak and fragile political, economic and social systems. It was governed for almost a decade without its own constitution. The economic situation was deteriorated due to partition and Kashmir war along with many other causes. The burden of 15 million immigrants made the situation the worst. However, with the passage of time, the story has improved. Currently, social media and other watchdog institutions has brought transparency in public institutions, making public servant more accountable. Moreover, connectivity both online and physical - has improved the economy. E-commerce, freelancing and trading on binance are common ~~the~~ sources of income among youth. Consequently, improvement in literacy rate has been observed as well. All of the measures collectively work in reducing gender parity. Woman has right to vote in the country. ~~She~~ They have been given quotas in assemblies as well as civil services. In addition, rule of the law is prevailing in the country. Growing youth population, moreover, has prepared



a ground where good governance can be seen as achievable. However, it is considered as an elusive dream. This opinion is based on the political and economic history of the country. Militarization of politics; inequality before law; insurgency and terrorism; and unavailability of basic rights are the some points on the basis of which this opinion seems reality. On the other hand, some remedial measures can be taken to address these issues. The solutions ranging from strengthening the civil institutions and ensuring of surety of rule of law to military operation along with diplomacy and supremacy of constitution of Pakistan. Thus, good governance in Pakistan is ~~not~~ ~~only~~ an achievable reality besides the challenges. Though there are perceptions that it is an elusive dream, measures can help to achieve the dream earlier.

Increasing the sense of accountability and transparency within institutions is a step forward towards good governance in the country. In the technologically advanced world, everyone is under the eye of technology. Thus, civil servants



are under strict supervision. If any public servant does not misbehave, asks for bribe or conducts unconstitutional action, people capture the moment and upload it on social media media platforms. Social media users share it, comment on it and reposted on their account. In this way, the perpetrator has brought before law and justice is served. The action taken against a Punjab Police is an example. Moreover, Federal Investigation Agency and National Accountability Bureau are have been performing well to bring transparency in institutions.

Another pillar of good governance is stable economy. In Pakistan, it is on the right track. There is any strict yard which measures the stability of economy; however, various numbers indicate its stability.

The stable value of Pakistani Rupee, nearly 8% GDP growth, \$14 billion foreign reserves and growing business activities are just few among others. Connectivity, both online and physical, is playing a vital role for the improvement of trade and businesses. State of Bank of Pakistan's report says that Pakistan has earned

\$104 billion through freelancing while the country earn only \$101 billion by exporting mango. The potential is much higher. Meanwhile, infrastructural development in the country ~~are~~ has improved the mood of transportation and reduced the cost. In short, economy is on the right direction due to internet and infrastructural development.

Boom and burst cycle of economic growth doesnot mean that it is a stable economy  
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