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" He who does an atom's weight
of good shall see it and he who
does an atom's weight of evil
shall see it."

(Al-Quran)

The concept of good governance
in Islam is based upon the pillars
of accountability, transparency
with inclusion of other characteristics.

These positive features are present
in front of the contemporary world in
the form of pious caliphate. The
principles of good governance based upon
the teachings of Islamic injunctions
can help in alleviation of modern day
problem. as well.

THE CONCEPT AND PRINCIPLES OF
GOOD GOVERNANCE IN ISLAM:

The concept of good governance is
based on the features and characteristic

of formulation of policies, implementation of those strategies and legislation in accordance with teaching of Islam and for the collective welfare of population. Following are some of the principles which form the base for the good governance in Islam.

(ii) Inclusivity while formulating policies:

The main purpose of governance involves the construction of policies and framework for the collective welfare of community and to cater the needs of people. As stated in Quran

'And consult them in conduct of Affairs'

(Al-Quran)

Therefore, administration by consultation forms the base of good governance in Islam with the help of mutual consultation.

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(ii) Effective and Efficient conduct of affairs.

Governance structure in Islam calls for an establishment of the system that exhibits idea of promotion of welfare & that is effective and adequate in meeting the demands of the public. As stated in Quran,

"You are the best community that ever emerged for humanity: you advocate what is moral, and forbid what is immoral, and believe in God."
(Al Quran)

Therefore, the proposition of governance act in Islam is laid on one of the foundations of promotion of welfare for collective good.

(iii) Showing feature of equality in conductance of human affairs.

The major feature of appropriate governance in Islam advocates for the exhibition of equality in the conduction of human or public affairs.

This feature of public administration enables the government to treat every citizen equally and with equity. Prophet (SAW) last sermon explicitly displays this principle

"An Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab, nor does a non-Arab have any superiority over an Arab; white has no superiority over black, nor does black have any superiority over white; except by piety and good action."

(Al-Hadith)

As a result, the equal treatment of citizens is reflected in the teachings of Islam which helps in the formation of good governance structure.

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(iv) Showing responsibility in conduction of ~~judicial~~ judicial affairs:

Provision of justice forms the basis of good governance in Islam as it helps in maintenance of rule of law and prevent the tyranny of ruler at the expense of public rights. Subsequently, Islamic injunctions dictate for the prominent presence of justice and strong equitable judicial system. As stated in Quran.

"And let not the hatred of certain people prevent you from acting justly."

Hence, Islamic ~~req~~ teaching demands for the presence of robust judicial system in good governance.

(v) Presence of accountability in governance:

An imperative feature in good governance of Islam is the feature of accountability where everyman from the head of the

State to common man is answerable for his deeds and actions. This action is prominent in the period of period as well as well Hazrat Umar was asked about his shirt in front of a number of people by a common man. In reciprocation, he Umar (R.A) did answered the answered the question openly to justify his act. This event of caliphate displays the act of accountability where even the ruler is questioned about his activities.

PRINCIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE CAN PROVIDE BENEFIT FOR THE MODERN DAY STATES.

(i) Elimination of corruption through transparency:

One of the major menace of today's time is the presence of corruption in the states. However, with utilisation of transparency, the states can gain the leverage of eliminating or curbing

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corruption through open and fair conduct of states affair. As stated in Quran.

"Do not cause corruption on earth. But call on Him with fear and hope."

(Al-Quran).

(ii) Prevalence of meritocracy:

Presence of meritocracy in the world state helps in appointed appointment of people on position which they deserve. This act of meritocracy helps in equipment of any institution with skillful expertise and display of full potential for benefit of country. This act was evidently displayed in the rule of pious caliphates when Hazrat Zaid bin Sabith was appointed to as scribe of Quran.

(iii) Fair and equitable election of the leader of state:

The ~~Elected~~ leader of the state can be

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appropriately selected on the basis of expertise of skill sets it possess. This is possible only when the perilous act of nepotism is suppressed in the society. This event is clearly visible in the era of Caliphate as well when no previous Caliphate appointed his son for the takeover of governance. Open and free system of leader election was displayed with no preference given to family members. Thus, this principle can help put an end to dynastic politics of today. (ii)

(iv) Protection of the right of minorities:

Another leading problem of today's contemporary world is the suppression and subjugation of minorities.

In contrast to this Islam advocates for the presence of equality and fair treatment among all. As stated in Quran:

“O people! We created you from male and female

and made you races and tribes
that you may know one another.

The best among you in the
sight of Allah is the one more
righteous. Allah is all knowing
Well experienced."

Conclusion:

The principles of good governance
in Islam reflects the governance
structure capable of exhibiting,
inclusivity, justice, accountability
and transparency. All these
features can be utilised by the
modern states in elimination of
spurred vice of today present in
today's society.

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"We created man in
the best design"

(Al-Quran)

RIGHTS, ROLE AND STATUS OF WOMEN IN ISLAM:

(i) Equality of Men and women in sight of Allah:

Men and women are given equal status in teachings of Islam which is in contradiction to the medieval times. Women are placed at an equal footing with men according to Islamic injunctions. As stated in Quran

• And so their Lord answered them: I will not waste the work of any worker among you, whether male or female. You are one of another."

(Al-Quran)

(ii) Order to treat wives in best manner:

Treatment of wives according to Islam is to show affection and care towards them. To treat them in the best of manner and to show kindness

As stated in Quran Hadith

"The best of you is the one who is best to his wife, and I am the best of you to my wives."

(Al-Hadith)

(iii) Order to Respect Mothers abundantly

The status of mother in Islam is highly praised and a mother is given respect Islamic injunctions & commands a man to look after a mother to secure

Jannah. As stated in Quran once that a man came to Allah's messenger and said, "O Allah's messenger! Who is more entitled to be treated with the best companionship by me?"

The prophet said "your mother". He repeated this answer for for three consecutive times when enquired upon the same question.

(iv)

Right to live:

Female infanticide was common practice before advent of Islam. However, paradoxical to this Islam has given the basic rights equally to both male and female. As stated in Quran

"Your blood and your property are as sacred as this Day and this month and this city."

(v)

Right to own property.

Islam has marked a prominent contribution in alleviation of gender disparity through provision of rights of inheritance to women.

As stated in Quran

"Oh you believe! Do not consume each other's wealth illicitly, but trade by mutual consent"

(Al Quran)

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⇒ How is MUSLIM WOMEN IS MORE EMPOWERED THAN WESTERN WOMEN:

(i) Right of using khula (Request from courts for divorce):

One of the major contemporary issues of today is the ~~the~~ right of standing for oneself in a disputed marriage. This basic conflict is easily resolved in Islam through strengthening of weak position of women while provision of right of khula.

(ii) Right to trade and do business:

Exclusion of women from field of trade is vastly seen in contemporary times.

This problem is aptly tackled by

Islam through provision of right

to do trade and business. This

scenario was visible through the

practice of Hazrat Khadija's (RA)

trade and business as well.

(iii)

Right to Charge for Breast feeding.

Islam has strengthened the position of a Muslim women while providing her financial support for the domestic work. This evident as Islam has given right to woman to charge for breast feeding.

(iv)

Right to Remarry:

Many a times in contemporary world women are coerced to lead a subjugated life after divorce or in case of widow. Islam negates this through the provision of right to remarry which enables a women to overcome suppression.

Conclusion:

In crux, the right, role and status given to women in Islam is of strength and respect. Islam provides a complete and holistic protection to status of women which ~~is~~ further strengthens position of women against western society.