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A word cloud graphic featuring the words "GOOD" and "GOVERNANCE" in large, bold, pink letters. The background is filled with various terms related to corporate governance, such as "AFFAIRS", "TRANSPARENCY", "POLICY", "STAKEHOLDER", "INTERESTS", "ACCOUNTABILITY", "BEHAVIOR", "INTEGRITY", "CORPORATION", and "DECISION", arranged in a circular pattern.



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1. Good Governance, at a Glance...

‘Governance’ as a theme finds references in Indic philosophy, interpretations in all ages and broadly refers to the process of decision-making and implementation. While references in Indic thoughts are many, some illustrative references include the following.

In Mahabharat preachings of Pitamah Bheeshma to Yudhishtir include lessons on statecraft. They include aspects of good governance. Bhagavad Geeta provides numerous cues for good governance, leadership, dutifulness and self-realization which can be re-interpreted in the modern context.

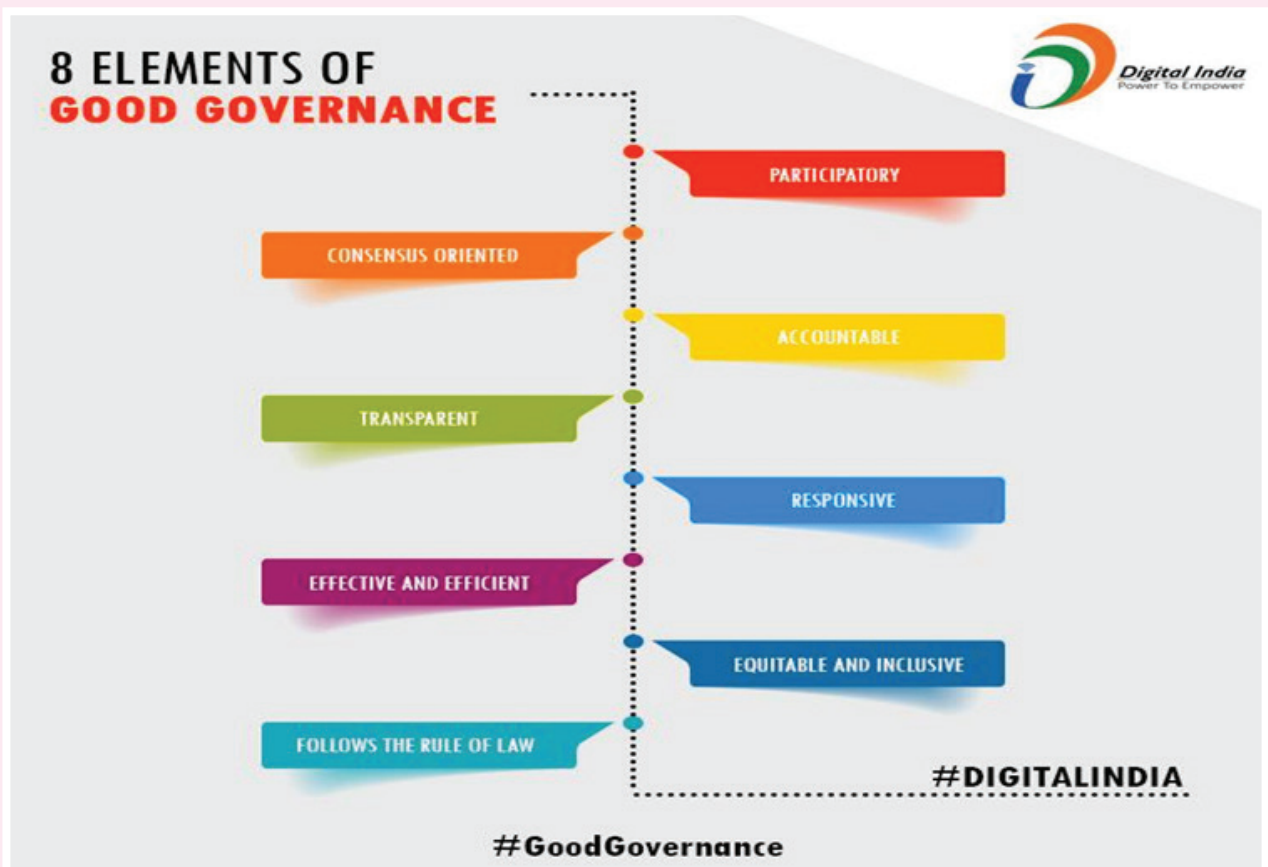
In Kautilya’s Arthashastra, the welfare of people was considered paramount in the role of King. Mahatma Gandhi emphasized “su-rajya” which essentially means good governance.

Samarth Ramdas in “Dasbodh”, etc. has also described elements of Good Governance.

2. Contemporary definitions

In a 1992 report entitled “Governance and Development”, the World Bank set out its definition of Good Governance. It defined Good Governance as “the manner in which power is exercised in the management of a country’s economic and social resources for development”.

Eight Principles of Good Governance are laid out by the United Nations.



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Under Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Goal 16 is directly linked to good governance and includes elements like inclusion, participation, rights, and security as targets under this goal. Few specific targets under this goal are-

- Promoting the rule of law at the national and international levels
- Ensure equal access to justice for all
- Developing effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels;
- Ensuring responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels, etc.

According to former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, "Good governance is ensuring respect for human rights and the rule of law; strengthening democracy; promoting transparency and capacity in public administration." He also said that "Good Governance is perhaps the single most important factor in eradicating poverty and promoting development".

3. Good Governance Index

The Good Governance Index was launched on the occasion of Good Governance Day on 25 December 2019 in the memory of former Prime Minister late Shri. Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The Good Governance Index is a uniform tool across States to assess the Status of Governance and impact of various interventions taken up by the State Government and Union Territories. The objectives of Good Governance Index are to provide quantifiable data to compare the state of governance in all states and Union Territories, enable states and Union Territories to formulate and implement suitable strategies for improving governance and shift to result oriented approaches and administration.

4. Stakeholders in Good Governance

Good Governance aims to address people's aspirations and channelizes Government's efforts in addressing them. It involves interplay of various stakeholders. These stakeholders mainly include the following:

- Political Leadership in general and Ministerial position holders in particular
- Elected Representatives at National, State and Local government level
- Important officers tasked with delivery of services with administrative accountability
- Media and Influencers on Social Media
- Educationist
- Judiciary
- International Observers and entities involved in credit rating, national lending etc.

5. Objective of the Training

“To contribute in creating an ecosystem that encourages Good Governance.”

Working towards this objective, an effort is proposed to create platforms for shared thinking and information dissemination for Good Governance. Creating content which may act as both guide to Good Governance and reference point where required is also envisaged. Going ahead, it is expected that participants of the project would acquire expertise in facilitating interactions at discussion forums for Good Governance.



6. The Target Audience

Of the stakeholders of good governance mentioned above, prabodhini proposes to address through this project following stakeholders.

- Elected Representatives
- Officers tasked with programme delivery
- Aspirants of above
- Persons with media interaction proficiency

7. Course Content

- What is good governance?
- Historical significance of good and participative governance.
- Genesis of the idea of good and participative governance
- Explaining the idea of simple government and together governance vis-a-vis minimum government and maximum governance
- Role of E-Governance in governance revolution and transformation.
- Scheme Identification, Synergy among various departments and case study
- Self-Government/Local Government
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Feedback, Conclusion and interactive session among organisers and participants

8. Expected Deliverables

Following specific deliverables are envisaged.

- Workshop for Elected Representatives (Parliament to Panchayat and other stakeholders like Govt. Officers)
- Digital programme for Capacity Building Commission (CBC) on 'Whole of the Government' and 'Minimum Government & Maximum Governance' as approaches to Good Governance
- Customised sector specific programmes for homogeneous audiences (e.g. media persons, unit heads of political parties, etc.)
- Compendium of Stories of Pride from Govt. Officers and Political Leaders



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