

## Balancing Democratic Governance

### Prologue

The urgent need is felt by every civic that they deviate much from the governance that the democratic governance may become purposeless in the days to come as the governance and related activities shrunk within a closed spectrum of political party which has a specific mass as members and who derive benefits out of public funding schemes unethically. This will lead to an unhealthy situation in the future that the governance gets back to autocracy where the public become self supportive that lead to anarchy, revolution, which is welcoming if ethics is instilled and which is dangerous if the domination is taken by unethical authoritarians.



Democratic governance will be truly for people, of people, by people if every one is treated unique, special and equal, with the leading position as responsibility and not authority.



It is visualised that anarchy becomes the destination of political move in the long run, that it should be promoted by ethical egalitarian society and the responsibility is taken by progressive democratic

governance which forms and executes rules for individual, gives him frame work to design his own future, without affecting the innocent by any way. The present governance has progressive motive by principle and the leaders are much experienced that they do not form a old boy network close among themselves but involve the youngsters too who may bring in transparency that they lay a strong foundation for anarchy. It is high time to dissolve all the black money back into national stream, for schemes to equip individual with professional skills and unemployed to find the flaws and get self employment with supportive measures.

The measures should not make them complacent and lethargy but enhance them finding s suitable job, the free schemes make them dependent of the government and hence the flourishing illegal activities beyond control which in turn leads to terrorism shaking the entire nation which has been experienced now. The expertises are to be appreciated and every one must be treated with dignity that they feel pride to be a part of the nation contributing to global integrity. When self is not satisfied, it certainly gives rise to displeasure on the whole system and promotes negative emotions only. Care need to be exercised by the governance globally to form path for egalitarian

society and anarchy, and this is a move to find the facts contributing to eliminate authoritarian democratic governance to Progressive democratic governance which in due course of time with evolution and connectivity globally will emerge out as anarchy with universal oneness of humanity assuring world peace. Anarchy is to be construed as the revolution in the positive sense, for coming out of old myths and beliefs, to give due rights for every individual to rise up to the situation convincingly, that he live and make others live. It is to be focussed, that we have all sorts of 'isms' as casteism, regionalism, communism, altruism, scepticism, capitalism, communism, socialism, statism, populism, fascism, nationalism, patriotism and so on for the individual principle to hold value in the society, for an individual hold value in the society but they all converge towards the simple thing as living the life mindfully favouring peace and satisfaction to all. The above said 'isms' differ only in the way we reach the same and the path they take. They are all good until they served the purpose and became weak and gave rise to evolution of new 'isms' when they deviate form the purpose. They get fragmented and believed by a group of people for they promoted the principle for a group who follow their principle as such without any difference. This is true to the core of political parties even and that make their stance in a questionable situation now. When the

basic, is to serve people, what ever may be the path we take, the destination being the service to people, should include the opinion from all and that make their existence meaningful. The democratic governance should be to that level of existence to meet the purpose.

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### **Introduction**

The democratic governance is **by the people for the people and of the people** by definition. The constitution had been framed on this that the people in governance had been elected by the people to represent the views of the public which by and large to the evolutions, has taken reforms that it is in the drastic situation of the governing people consider themselves as authority that the human rights of living has been affected to the core. The amendments to the constitution in recent times are just opposite to the principles of constitution evolved initially and with the rules and procedures of the governance too, we find a lot of violations existing in the practical situations.

They remain beyond questionable situation for lack of support from civic and for lack of transparency that the judicial system finds it



difficult to address as the same also come under the governance. The ethics has been completely given up for the dilemma of personal benefits and external pressures as influences and threats. There is no integration and coordination between the related departments that they ever pass on verbal communications to solve the issues superficially and recommend the complainant to approach the court that they stay away from it, though their duty demands their intervention. This is the reason for the piling up of cases with the court and justice not given in time.

Indian constitution is the biggest among all other constitutions in the world and in spite of that there are a lot of violations for the dilution and corruption in governance. The learning and response skills of Indians are widely appreciated and the statement by T.B. Macaulay, even 130 years ago as "That the average of intelligence and virtue is very high in this country is matter for honest exultation. But it is no reason for employing average men where you can obtain superior men. Consider too, Sir, how rapidly the public mind in India is advancing, how much attention is already paid by the higher classes of the natives to those intellectual pursuits on the cultivation of which the superiority of the European race to the rest of mankind principally

**depends**” still holds true, that we remain in the forefront of off shoring in Business Process Outsourcing and Knowledge Process Outsourcing as pioneers till this time.

Indian constitution proved futile in the very basics of governance by definition because it is exhaustive and tried to include every aspect to the detail, where the **preamble of the constitution** alone covers the entire governance specific to all issues rising ever. It is eternal by fact, word by word and just sufficient to discuss all matters under the universe, not only in India. This is the same with the **Universal declaration of United Nations**, where article 1, includes everything in the declaration, proving eternal, ever.

### **Authoritative Democratic Governance**

When the ancient India raised its image in the holism of transcendence and universal awareness with more human values, the modern India finds its image materialistically as the World’s third largest economy, fastest growing mobile phone market, owner of the largest bandwidth capacity and contributing second largest portion of scientists and engineers in the world.

With these advancements, if ethics is instilled by holistic views, India will assume a unique position in instituting world peace as it has proved its unity in diversity with various cultures and traditions across the country in the ancient times only for the human values that were given priority.

On the other hand, Modern India also find its place with the first in saving accounts with Euro and Swiss banks most of them illegal, the details are with the government and yet could not find a way to mobilise the funds in to national stream which if done, will give way for many developmental activities progressively. The president as per constitution of India can pass a bill to divert the same to the government and is not being done in spite of repeated reminders from many different sectors. The meeting at Geneva regarding this had not happened till now. These are all the indications that the network is world wide and need a global integrity to get back to routine, to offer meaningful democratic governance.

The corruption in governance had deep rooted to the core that the violations and influences are assumed to be rules and they are being communicated at times in writing too for the blind support they

have to execute to the political influences. The constitutional hierarchy of administrators holding the priority again is given up favouring the politicians that they don't behave as authenticated persons for the people but authority to the people with the idea that they could come again to governance illegally with the loop holes existing with the electoral systems and favouritism.

For the convenience of decentralised governance we have local, state and central governance but they all integrate only to spoil the democracy and not to support the same. It is to be noted that to progress we are imitating the developed countries giving hands to them in some unethical measures forgetting our strength that our image stands mostly on the old repute, as the race in the recent times is rapid among the countries, for ethics is not reinforced in long term impacts and the measures are for immediate benefits. This is one adverse effect of globalisation which makes the dilution of principles of the country for the influence of individuals in governance.

The right to education bill recently passed had been announced as the land mark in the move to make education for all with the measure to include the drop outs too by enquiring the whereabouts.



Education is to draw out the hidden potentials and has to do a lot more than literacy and hence right to education in its sense is the rights claimed by the beneficiaries to education and hence mean voluntary inclusion only. This will not happen by forcing them to enrol again but to make the curriculum embedded with professionalism and drive to develop an individual with his innate qualities with qualitative assessment that he becomes self competitive and 'no marks' system makes them confident on their performance. The simultaneous monitory benefits they gain make them learn by themselves as they earn in a protected and guided environment too which assures a better life holistically.

The eleventh five year plan has the major fund allocated to higher educational and is all spent mindlessly as of now in expanding the infrastructure and new institutions where the existing institutions have more scope for autonomy and additional expansion for enrolment. The agricultural reserves are occupied for new educational building that we are losing our natural wealth and needless to say agriculture is our reinforcing strength in economy.

This scenario is existing globally in every sector of governance even with Singapore and UK with my own experience and the complaints given to the governance to draw attention too proved futile in spite of repeated communications for more than three years. The office of the human rights for international affairs too is not responsible and gives a superficial reply that the country to which I belong is not a member country in the treatise that it could not take up the issue where there is more scope for the representation to be taken on fundamental human rights claimed by an individual.

The schemes with the United Nations are not to the purpose that they conduct direct conference on climate change that the Copan Hagen meet was estimated to release 46,700 tonnes of carbon when we have the alternate to be communicated online which would have added resources conservation too. The activities are to be reformed as the words sustain means to maintain, keep going, the development is against it to progress. Evolution is for changes and nothing live in the universe could be sustained but subjected to development progressively.

The decade of education for sustainable development is half way through and it could not project a single method as a universal method to be followed in the internet era where globalisation demands a uniform education pattern. More over, it is to be changed as decade of education for progressive development as nothing could be achieved with sustainable development except to continue development in the same pace.

The programmes to reach millennium development goals as eradicate extreme poverty and hunger ., achieve universal primary education, promote gender equality and empower women, reduce child mortality, improve maternal health, combat HIV/AIDS , malaria and other diseases, ensure environmental sustainability, develop global partnership for development have not been to the core objective of world peace and many of the goals are not to mean what they say as environmental sustainability when the environment is ever evolving and can not be sustained.

There had been widespread opinion that the funding do not flow to the needy poor from the developed but to their allies. Getting into the objectives, there is no need for unaccounted funding as money to

facility but money to be accounted as debt and the programme be framed to generate funding on its own in due course and self sustained. No free schemes will benefit the target group and hence are to be banned completely.

The human rights and right to know information have not been practiced to benefit the individual there is influence and hence violation of norms. The education is not to the purpose of man making process but a mere business involving governance too into the form of accreditation which is to check the minimum requirement and the approval takes care of it too, when the approval is to be renewed periodically the accreditation comes into it automatically. The monitoring is to the quality of education and regulating the fee structure where as the course design and assessment needs to be autonomy involving the innovation and creativity of teachers and students. The activities need to be completely transparent.

The officials are expected to be present for every clarification with the governance and they in turn expect the complainant to visit their place frequently to track the status which leads to corruption. They do not respond to emails and reply lethargically over phone as



they are not recorded. The system of response to public grievances is to the statistics only and do not provide fruitful outcome. The existing situation is that a common civic can not approach the governance for grievances addressed which could be done only with influence at least to the level of clerical staff in the departments.

As most of the communication as of now, are over phones, the clerical staff and personal assistant take the lead and the officials responsible are segregated from the civic from providing them service and taking their suggestions for implementation. The clerical staffs does not follow any procedure to the level of disclosing their names and simply respond lethargically to drag the issue for their personal benefit which leads to corruption. They ever inform the petitioners to come in person to the offices though they are to respond through mails that the complainants get annoyed and they find alternate for mediation and it has been registered in the media several times with specific cases that even the police sit to give judgement for their own benefit though they are ruled out in their code of conduct.

The reasons for political corruption existing world wide are

+ **social conditions** as Self-interested closed groups as said above and "old boy networks", Family centred social and political activity, with a tradition of nepotism/favouritism being acceptable, a gift economy, such as the Chinese guanxi or the Soviet blat system emerging in a Communist centrally planned economy, in societies where personal identity is rated as less important than other characteristics ,lacking literacy and education among the population, frequent discrimination and bullying among the population, minority solidarity giving benefits to certain ethnic groups.

+ **Opportunities and favourable activities** as Individual officials routinely handle cash can involve in illegitimate withdrawals, Public funds are centralized rather than distributed that the malpractice to minor amount will not be noticed, Large, unsupervised public investments, Sale of state-owned property and privatization, government officials with inappropriate pay scales, Government licenses needed to conduct business, Long-tenure of government officials in the same position may create relationships inside and outside the government which encourage and

help conceal corruption and favouritism. Costly political campaigns, with expenses exceeding normal sources of political funding, especially when funded with public money in the form of levies, More interaction with officials increases the opportunities for corruption, a windfall from exporting abundant natural resources, War and other forms of conflict with a breakdown of public security.

✚ **Inadequate information** as lack of government transparency, lacking freedom of information legislation, lack of investigative reporting in the local media, contempt for or negligence of exercising freedom of speech and freedom of the press, weak accounting practices, lack of timely financial management, lack of measurement of corruption, tax havens which tax their own citizens and companies but not those from other nations and refuse to disclose information necessary for foreign taxation. This enables large scale political corruption in many countries.

✚ **Lacking control of the government** as illiberal democracy, lacking civic society and non-governmental organizations

which monitor the government, an individual voter may have a rational ignorance regarding politics, especially in nationwide elections, since each vote has little weight, weak civil service, and slow pace of reform, Weak rule of law, Weak legal profession, Weak judicial independence, lacking protection of whistleblowers, lack of bench marking in terms of activity and not in terms of time line. Time line as constraint ever seen with the programmes of UN lead to poor quality and perfection in achieving the goals.

Types of corruption that exists are **bribery**, trading in influence which refers to a situation where a person selling his influence in a decision making process involving a third party as person or organisation, **patronage** which is favouring supporters with government employment as when the government changes it goes appointing the administrators favourable to implement its policy, **nepotism** favouring relatives and **cronyism** favouring close friends, **Electoral fraud** which is illegal interference with the process of an election as acts of fraud affect vote counts to bring about an election result, whether by increasing the vote share of the favoured candidate, depressing the vote share of the rival candidates, or both, also called



**voter fraud**, the mechanisms involved include illegal voter registration, intimidation at polls, and improper vote counting, **Embezzlement** which is outright theft of entrusted funds and is a misappropriation of property, **Kickback** which is an official's share of misappropriated funds allocated from his or her organization to an organization involved in corrupt bidding.

Corruption leads to calamities in natural, social and economic aspects and are to be prevented with due measures. All these were referred here only to show what all the governance execute by these activities are not their powers actually but activities depriving their reputation as truth ever wins. The pleasure of celebrity status and winning situation with the closed circle out of these are only temporary and deteriorate the individual involved and the system to an irrecoverable loss and the damage sometimes makes the entire family and community face rattled situation.

It must be borne in mind that any reservation and saving beyond necessity and sophistication, are redundant blocking the flow of economy that the needy are deprived of development. The money reserved in the unauthorised accounts are not printed elsewhere

beyond the authentication of government , but the government funding reserved unethically for personal benefits without the same being spent for the deserving that gives the reason explicitly why the welfare funds do not reach the objects. By making the recipients involved they will feel pride of their contribution as they are paid and not donated and that the beneficiaries are not deprived but the mediators who relish undue benefits. The holding of a responsibility speak how much we serve and not how much we save personally. The officials should inculcate the feel of pride as responsible for the execution of a scheme to benefit the majority that they will be appreciated while in service and remembered ever in the long run. Life is not in money but in repute. All these have been said by many in many different forms, but are to be felt while in service that the aftermath thoughts and changes will not serve the purpose even to the individual. Sovereignty is not on the people but on the nation and that all individuals and associations exist only to enhance the power, the prestige, and the well-being of the state. The concept of statism, a state of political move and trend to be supporting the government to rise its image on social and economic stance with ethics, which is seen as synonymous with the concept of nation, and acclaim the nation as an organic body headed by the Supreme Leader and nurtured by unity,

force, and discipline. This is the recent development on the political scenario, and which reflects the need of governance on the elected single member representing the nations forming the government with the secretarial assistance of the departments and the public grievances reach them through the elected members of the council of assembly and parliament as the case may be in several other countries that the organisational structure is statutory, responsible and constitution is purposefully executed. This need equality of all elected members and the basic rights vested on individual whose voice on any ground, in any manner be responded duly and that is the democratic governance.

The youth to be egalitarian must be instilled with equal opportunities and hence the reservations to employments and enrolments as caste and management quota are to be given away and those who need assistance should get it from the government to improve their skills only and not in the form of relaxation of rules as human are created equally. When the criteria are to check the intelligence, how the management quotas compensate the intelligence with money?. It should be noted that when they are expected to come up to the level of peers after their entry into the course or job, why not the same be made the minimum eligibility as mere pass that every one

excel in education which is a life support system unlike literacy which impart only the basic skills with alphabets and numerals.

Education is not to make the brilliant more luminous, but making the average luminous. Progressive development aims for the individual development and hence executes instruments to satisfy him, bring out the best in him to support the society and assures him of an environment preferred by him when he proves it to be not interfering with the personal space of the innocent. Progressive government is thus forward looking, fair, for the individual and provides only guidance and support but do not shoulder their life.

It makes more of programmes to make self sustenance that the waste management and energy generation are to the responsibility of individuals that there will be no transaction of money between the beneficiaries and government as free schemes or charged for service. There will be only guidance and assistance to prove justice. For this a complete revision and transparency is expected to the statutory and legal measures which are to be followed strictly without any influence and favouritism.



### **Progressive democratic governance**

The governance need to be completely automatised for the procedures that one need not talk with the official, but communicate in writing that every activity is organised, automatised ensuring complete transparency. The communications are to be responded and for the literacy level reached to handle the issues on their own, the effort of the higher officials goes in convincing both involved to come to an amicable solution and do not involve in provoking them to go legal which may prolong the aggressive attitude and lead to cursive emotions.

The rules and procedures right from the constitution need to be redefined with the new evolving human rights and the fundamental human rights are to be kept as the basis to avoid conflicts with the procedures evolved for the ease of governance. Giving the complaint is the right of an individual and rejecting the same for the format and charges is illegal as the intention is to attend to the issue as per procedure. The right to know information needs an officer specific for this purpose with every government department.

The purpose of the democratic governance is to support an individual to lead a peaceful life designed for his choice and rules are to test only his freedom interferes with the personal space of others. At no point of time authority is to be exercised and every one in the department is for public service they should exercise patience in hearing the troubles and attending to the petitions.

The promotional features are for the individual making himself competitive and do not involve competition with others. The ethics are to be instilled into the rules that convincing becomes the motto than to implement the rules as such to punish.

The employment and appointment are strictly to the credentials and not for influence including the appointment of chancellors and the designation of chancellors and pro chancellors that are to be given to the academicians to effectively implement the rules with autonomy. The ministry of human resources is to be decentralised as ministry of technical education, ministry of school education and ministry of life sciences to cater to the increasing needs of the society involving international expertise.

The National Social Service activities should form a part of the curriculum as Global Social Service and do not need to be supported by the government financially. The slogan as “Not me, But you” is to be changed as “You and Me” as society includes both of them and the existing one shows the ideal condition which can not be reached where as the second shows the practical condition which can be reached by all involved.

The advent of computers made communication and information access easy and the entire governance can be made online and automated that the advantage facilitates relaxing of work schedule between 10.00 and 3.00 PM that there will be balance in life taking education and work environment beyond schools and offices respectively. They are to be viewed as life support system and not life itself. The celebrations are to be held online to economise the expenditure and is to be noted that the celebrity status gained make the officials long for popularity and authority that they mostly compromise their responsibility. Making every activity online not only supports carbon curbing but imparts saving and transparency, quick response make the governance more effective and build confidence among the public.

The revenue to the governance has to be generated by industrious projects and integrated move embedded with offering professional skills to make the free schemes to the public self supporting and revenue generating that the tax from the public in any form shall be avoided. Human rights can make any one to claim for cancellation of tax as it is not included in the pay scale and the revisions are made to meet the existing conditions. All employees must be given options to work from home by assessing the volume of work done and not by assessing the physical presence simply. The students are to be educated only for half a year and the rest left to experiential learning with the monitoring online that there will be exposure to real life situations.

The governance has to take bold decision with stringent measures on monitoring and regulating fee structure that they should give autonomy to all involved in curriculum that they can try several different combinations to impart education which brings out the best of students with a holistic view. It is to be understood that the governance, parents and society can not shoulder the future of any individual and the same must be designed by the individual taking the expertise of the society and the responsibility to have the best of ones



own future lies only with them. By making internet and computing facilities we can curtail travel to the maximum extent that it contributes to carbon curbing and saving economy too which will inflate the global economy and remarkable unprecedented reduction in pricing of every commodity which will again balance the life and make every one live peacefully.

The rules are to prevent pollution and not to protect environment which is beyond human scope. The end of pipe technologies are to be encouraged and involved compulsorily in the manufacturing process which will result in saving of resources and zero waste projects. The rules and legislations are to be automated that referencing be made easy and the legal instruments like judicial system and police departments are to function completely online that there will not be sustained activities but progressive to give immediate justice which will prevent the corruption and social injustice. The designations are to be treated as responsibility and not authority which has to be instilled into the minds of personnel with public service department world wide.

There must be provision with whistle blowing which is ethical to the core and the department has to give proper protection to the

whistle blowers which need to be explicit to promote the same that there will not be cooperation to these activities in the name of team spirit. When the officials take the responsibility they should be ethical and fair to execute the norms that justice prevails. It is to be noted that the amendments are hap hazardous and favouring the target group to gain votes and not the constitution and rules. The reservations are to be dissolved giving the chance to every one eligible, where supporting the minority is by making them inclusive in the criteria with special focus. It all lies in convincing all involved.

### **Conclusion**

The democratic governance has taken the shape of the authoritative governance for the misuse of political powers and hence need to be reformed to progressive democratic governance. The rules are to be reformed to meet the global needs and to provide peaceful living of an individual meeting his own designed environment when it is not interfering with that of the innocent. The governance has to promote harmony and lead to amicable solution convincing the involved with fair judgement of laws and rules taking risk for their responsibility. The officials should exercise their powers to the core of providing timely judgement to the affected and thus going legal should

prove futile as they support justice. They do not indulge in any form of corruption with the influential and if proved should go to the extreme that the involved will loose job that they become mindful.

The legal advisor should be entrusted with the additional responsibility of Public Information officer to provide the information as per RTI act. If there is any violation in their responsibility, only the legal advisor and not the department receive punishment which will serve the legal advisors suggesting ways to escape from rules for the loop holes. This could be generalised to the levels that when a mistake is pointed out, the individual who had been the source gets the punishment and not the department and certainly not as monetary compensation.

Though the existing scenario is described with Indian situation the same condition prevails even with United Nations that they should enter into convincing their move if disagreement arises and they should get into making all countries of the world as members in all treatise and conventions that they could take fair decisions with the issues of global concern. With the globalisation advancing in every direction, the universal constitutions binding all the countries as

member is essentials, where the constitution revised to support the global cause serves every country to experience democratic governance as democracy is not only the rule by people but where equality exists and no country remain exclusive of egalitarian status for humanity.