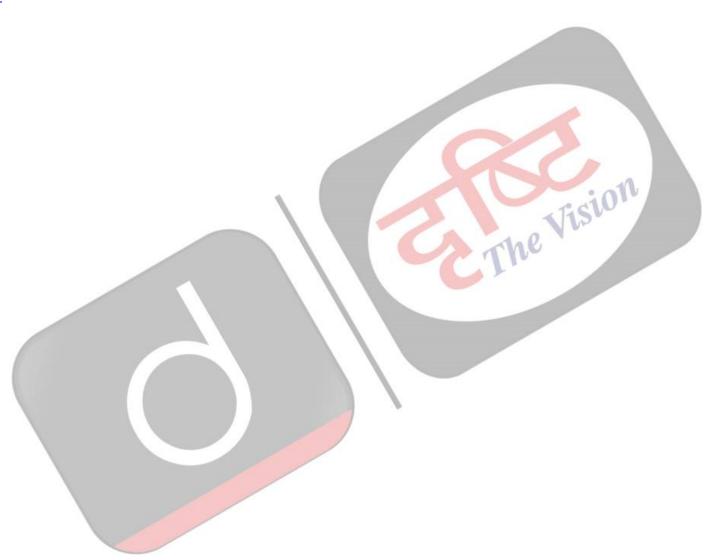


# **Good Governance**

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As per World Bank, Good Governance is the manner in which power is exercised in the management of a country's economic and social resources for development.

#### References:

- Bhagavad Gita
- Kautilya's Arthashastra: Welfare of people considered paramount in the role of King
- Mahatma Gandhi emphasised "su-raj" (good governance)
- SDG 16: Improvement in governance, inclusion, participation, rights, and security

## Key Attributes (as per Human Rights Council) -

- (y) Transparency
- Responsibility
- (9) Accountability
- (9) Participation
- Responsiveness (to the needs of the people)



## Good Governance in India - Initiatives

National Good Governance Day: 25th December (coincides with birth anniversary of former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee)

#### ■ Transparency & Accountability

- (Section 2005) Right to Information (Article 19 (1)) and RTI Act, 2005
- E-Governance (Min. Govt. Max. Governance);
  Digital India Program
- Central Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS)

### ■ Decentralisation and Local Governance

- NITI Aayog (Cooperative Federalism)
- (9) 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Const. Amendments

## ■ Citizen Participation and Empowerment

(S) Make in India Initiative, MyGov Platform, RTE Act, 2009

#### ■ Legal Reforms

- Model Police Act (2015), e-FIRs, eCourts Project, SUPACE portal
- Good Governance Index (Prepared by DARPG)

# Related Challenges .

- Gorruption: India ranked 93/180 on Corruption Perception Index (CPI) 2023
- (inequality and Social Exclusion: India's wealth inequality is at a 60-year high (in 2024) (top 1% owning 40.1% of wealth)
- (a) Inadequate Judicial Infrastructure: 5 cr+ cases pending in various courts, (~80,000 in the SC alone)

## Suggestions -

- Need to create a secure data platform to engage citizens in policy decisions
- Al-powered Grievance Redressal
- Sevottam Model: Proposed by 2<sup>nd</sup> Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) for public service delivery



