

# Good Government & Democratic Governance

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## Abstract

Good governance is associated with efficient and effective administration in a democratic framework. On the other hand the fundamental norm of any democratic polity is that sovereignty must be in the hand of the people. In any democratic state people is the main actor of governance. So people centered development, the balance among the legislature, executive and judiciary has to be maintained in any constitutional democracy for good governance.

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Government refers to the manner in which power is exercised by governments in managing a country's social and economic resources. Today, 'governance' not only occupies center stage in developmental discourse but it is also considered as a crucial element to be incorporated in the development strategy. A more creative approach would be to treat the issue as new opportunities to have a fresh look at state - society relationship in today's complex world of governance.

According to Rosenau, "Governance is a more encompassing phenomenon than government. It embraces governmental institutions, but it also subsumes informal, non-governmental mechanism whereby those persons and organizations within its purview move ahead, satisfy their needs and fulfill their wants... Governance is thus a system of rule that is as dependent on inter-subjective meaning as on formally sanctioned constitution, and charter ... it is possible to conceive of governance without government of regulatory mechanisms in a sphere of activity which function effectively even they are not endowed with formal authority."<sup>1</sup>

Governance basically focuses on the process of governing, involving interactions between various formal and informal institutions