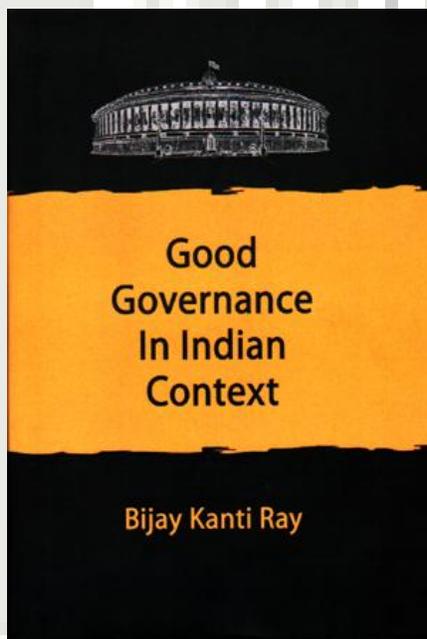


Book Review

Good Governance in Indian Context

- Written By **Bijay Kanti Ray**

The Challenges of Good Governance in India is everybody's questions nowadays. In this context recently published book titled 'Good Governance in Indian Context'- written By Bijay Kanti Ray, can be a book to read by every stockholder in states and central government administration and put in practice the suggestions made by the author Shri BK Roy.



Graduated from St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College, Kolkata with Physics Honors Shri Roy entered Tripura Civil Service in 1977 and then was promoted to the Indian Administrative Service in 1990. He worked as Director and the Secretary to the Govt. of Tripura in different departments, retired as Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Tripura in 2012. During the long service in the administration from grass root level, Shri Roy gained wide experience regarding the intricacies of the administration. Known as a sincere, and efficient officer, Sri Ray offered his humble suggestions to overcome the present maladies of the country in his book in which he narrated the various problems of good governance. For solution this requires fair legal frameworks that are enforced by an impartial

regulatory body, for the full protection of stakeholders. Author has narrated the various aspects and elements of Good Governance in his book, in nine chapters which are as follows;

- CHAPTER-1** **Need for Governance**
- CHAPTER-2** **Genesis of Corruption**
- CHAPTER-3** **Prevention of Corruption**

CHAPTER-4	Political Reforms
CHAPTER-5	Ethics Administration
CHAPTER-6	Impartiality in Administration
CHAPTER-7	Administrative Reforms
CHAPTER-8	Regulatory and Development Administration
CHAPTER-9	Special Issues of Concern for Good Governance

This small book also deals with the continuing problem of corruption in the country which is the most important single factor for our slow development. Election is held, governments are formed in regular intervals but the conditions of the marginalized people do not improve as fast as we desire. Whatever developments are made, the benefits are hijacked largely by the unscrupulous elements. It does not percolate to the grass-root level. The author has worked for a very long period in Tripura which is still one of the best administered states of the country. Tripura, though a tiny state in the North-East, has made commendable progress in the rural development which has been recognized at the national level. But experience shows that the benefit could not reach all the people because of partisan approach of the ruling governments all the time. The people who are identified to have not voted for the ruling party are, very often, treated as enemies and deprived of their constitutional rights. This is, in fact, due to congenital deformities in our political System. The position is worse in many other big states of the country too. The Situation is so bad in many parts of the country that if Emperor Asoka comes back to his country it will not be difficult for him to identify his own way in which he tried to govern for the welfare of the people. He might also have suggested what ails the country now and some fundamental changes in our System of governance, the author said in his book.

The Good Governance in Indian Context- Written by Bijay Kanti Ray and Published by- Niharika Prakashani, Agartala also critically analyses the governance practices in national development. According to the Author of the Book, Good Governance is a subjective term that describes how public institutions conduct public affairs and manage public resources in the preferred way. Governance is "the process of decision-making and the process by which decisions are implemented (or not implemented).

The foreword page of the book is written by Y.P.Singh, IAS (Retd), Ex-Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tripura. Appreciating the contents of the book Shri Singh in his foreword message said, "I am glad that with his vast experience of administration in Government of Tripura, Shri Bijay Kanti Ray, IAS (Retd) has brought out this volume on good governance which covers almost every aspect of the subject. He

has analysed various components of good governance keeping in view the ground realities in India and has come out with some very useful and practical suggestions to tackle the problem. I Hope that the book will be very useful to the administrators and policy makers as well as academicians to provide a practical insight in good governance and will be helpful in promoting accountability and transparency in government and other institutions of the country”.

Along with a convenient logical structure, the book also provides a comprehensive coverage of the ‘governance mechanisms and genesis of corruptions’, especially in light of the Indian administration in centre and states.

As an author and writer of such kind of books that deal with the various social and administrative problems of corruption in the country, I must say that this is a book to read by every stockholder in state and central government administration and put in practice the suggestions made by the author respected Shri BK Roy.

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