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TOPIC: GOOD GOVERNANCE

IN WITH THE NEW, AND THE OLD: INDIC IDEAS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO GOOD GOVERNANCE

- **Global Need for People-Centric Governance:** There is a growing global push for efficient governance that prioritizes the people, as evidenced by recent events like the creation of a Department of Government Efficiency in the US and the violent death of a healthcare CEO.
- **Revisiting Good Governance Today:** The global disenchantment with democracy highlights the necessity of revisiting good governance principles, with an emphasis on strengthening liberal democracy and state capacity simultaneously.
- **Human Element in Governance:** Effective governance requires a shift in societal mindsets, which India has been addressing through values such as inclusivity and accountability in its governance discussions over the past decade.
- **Modern Resonance of Indic Principles:** Traditional Indian governance principles, such as Raj Dharma, offer timeless wisdom that can ethically ground and practically guide modern governance frameworks.
- **Defining Good Governance:** Beyond theoretical concepts, good governance needs practical implementation, as highlighted by India's focus on pro-people good governance (P2G2), which emphasizes sensitivity, commitment, and grassroots responsibility.
- **India's Innovations in Governance:** India has pioneered several governance initiatives, including:
 - *Democratization of Technology:* Widespread adoption of digital transactions promotes equity and transparency.
 - *Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE):* Integrates sustainable practices into daily living to address climate change.
 - *Women-Led Development:* Advocates for women's leadership to foster gender justice.
 - *Sab Ka Prayas (Collective Effort):* Encourages collective responsibility for development, reducing dependence on the government.
- **Traditional Wisdom for Modern Governance:** India's ancient texts and history, such as the Bhagavad Gita, Kautilya's Arthashastra, and Chhatrapati Shivaji's leadership model, provide timeless principles that resonate with modern demands for ethical and equitable governance.
- **India's Role in Shaping Global Governance:** India's civilizational ethos positions it to influence global governance discourse, and initiatives like South-South Cooperation and PM Modi's capacity-building programs, such as Karmayogi, demonstrate the country's leadership in governance reform.

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- **Conclusion:** In a rapidly changing world, good governance is crucial. India's blend of ancient wisdom and modern innovations provides a roadmap for global governance that is ethical, effective, and people-centric.

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