

WORLD GOVERNANCE INDICATORS AND GOOD GOVERNANCE INDEX

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Introductory Comments of DG NCGG V.Srinivas, IAS

I extend a warm and hearty welcome to Dr. Sekhar Bonu Director General DMEO, Dr. Annapoorna Ravichander Head Policy Engagement and Communication Public Affairs Centre Bangalore and Shri Shabbeer Shaikh Director Centre for Good Governance Hyderabad for the NCGG's Good Governance Webinar Series -13, titled World Governance Indicators and Good Governance Index.

The World Wide governance indicators are formulated by the World Bank on a bi-annual basis to cover specific areas of governance since 1996. Government has mandated the DARPG to monitor, identify, take policy action and improve India's performance in the world wide governance indicators. The DARPG had pursued a similar exercise in the formulation of the National e-Services Delivery Index 2019 on the lines of the United Nations e-Services Delivery Index. A successful example of monitoring India's performance against global benchmarks is the Ease of Doing Business Indicators where India witnessed significant improvement. It is envisaged that the monitoring of India's performance against the world-wide governance indicators would bring significant governance benefits to the Nation. The DMEO has coordinated the Nation's efforts to formulate domestic

benchmarks against global indicators across several sectors. We have the privilege of hosting Dr. Sekhar Bonu who has been spearheading these efforts from the NITI Aayog. He is a man of high distinction having served the poorest of poor with great humility and compassion as an IAS officer in Government of Rajasthan, undertook academic pursuits at the Johns Hopkins University Baltimore USA, and served at the Asian Development Bank, Manila.

The National Centre for Good Governance has been mandated by the DARPG to undertake formulation of the Good Governance Index 2021. In pursuit of this objective the NCGG has collaborated with the Centre for Good Governance Hyderabad. The CGG as the knowledge partner was closely involved in the formulation of the Good Governance Index 2019 – an Assessment of the Governance in States of India. Following extensive consultations with State Governments and Central Ministries, the Good Governance Index 2019 was formulated as a 50-indicator 10-sector assessment index based on output parameters and government publications available in time series in public domain. The Good Governance Index 2019 was far reaching in terms of assessing the governance parameters after due categorization of States and assigning weightages to each of the indicators. The Good Governance Index 2019 was launched on December 25, 2019 as part of the celebrations of Good Governance Day 2019 and received widespread attention from State Governments and National Media. The Good Governance Index 2021 is currently under formulation and Director CGG Hyderabad will present the contours of the ongoing work. As part of the Good Governance Index 2021, the Public Affairs Centre was coopted to monitor the current status of India's progress

in World Wide Governance Indicators. We welcome Dr. Annapoorna Ravichander and Shri Shabbeer Shaikh to this event.

I look forward to listening to all our distinguished speakers on a subject of considerable contemporary relevance in the March to New India. This event is the second in the series hosted by NCGG as part of the Bharat ka Amrut Mahotsav India@75 celebrations.

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