

E -GOVERNANCE A KEY TO GOOD GOVERNANCE

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ABSTRACT

Government setup the foundation of any country. The main and foremost objective of any government is the empowerment and well-being of the people. With the arrival of the internet and innovation in information and communication technology (ICT), most of the governments across the globe have started to put their services online. Putt associate "e" as a prefix to each the idea of government and governance indicate that governing with the assistance of electronic devices. On the same pattern, India has started large initiatives to bring in e- governance at centre, state and also in panchayati raj institutions. The adoption of e-governance is tested in terms of five correlated objectives:- a policy structure, improved public utilities services, better quality and cost- effective government operations, participation of citizens in democratic affairs and administrative reforms. The elementary ambition for the execution of e- governance in a democratic country like India was to deliver a SMART Government. It stands for (Simple, Moral, Accountable, Responsive and Transparent government). We, as the largest democracy in the world, have many capabilities to benefit from e -governance, particularly when we make an appearance as an economic power and have the capabilities to become a superpower in the coming year. Through this paper we highlight major e-governance initiatives taken by the government at different levels as well as e-governance help in achieving the objective of good governance.

KEYWORDS: *Governance, SMART Government, ICT, Democracy, Rule Of Law, Transparency, Corruption, Bureaucracy, Digital India.*

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