**Good Governance**

**Main Argument – the Question of WHY**

* Good Governance is the key component of the economic transformation and with the present government’s focus on ‘minimum government and maximum governance’ the Index assumes more significance.
* **Governance can be understood as the process of decision-making and the process by which decisions are either being implemented or not.** Governance can be used in various contexts, such as corporate, international, national, and local governance. The government acts as one of the actors who play a major role in governance, while other actors depend on their position in the government. Good governance has a number of factors that affect quality elements in the public sector.
* **Improving public sector performance is vital**. However, this process is often difficult and challenging. In this regard, different structural, behavioral, and policy management have been introduced and directed towards enhancing public sector performance

**Global Case Studies**

1. **Malaysian Empirical Assessment in Governance and Public Policy**

* The transformation of Malaysia from a developing country to a developed one is ongoing. Good governance is considered as an important element to achieve Vision 2020 of Malaysia that encourages the country to develop economically, socially, and politically through enhancement of government systems and institutions.
* Decades of reforms have significantly changed the social, economic and political landscape of Malaysia. The ultimate goal is to transform Malaysia into a high income and competitive nation, which remains as a primary goal under the (National Transformation Policy to achieve Vision 2020) NTP.
* The NTP embraces quality governance by promoting effectiveness, accountability, fairness and representation within government administration.
* Elements of good governance focus on pluralist engagement, participative democracy to empower stakeholders while enhancing accountability and legitimacy of the government; thereby, good governance essential aims at ensuring constituents for progress and economic growth.

1. **Kerala’s Model as an epitome for Local Government System**