

SIV-G SELF IMPOSED VIGILANCE FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE

- AN AXIOM TO SURESH'S LAW OF CORRUPTION DYNAMICS

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INTRODUCTION

"The thief is an artist and the policeman is only a critic", said Oscar Wilde. The real glory will come only when the thief takes over the role of the policeman to criticize his own art and reform himself. This would be the greatest reform that can ever happen to human kind.

In this presentation the author unfolds the truth that it is the Self Imposed Vigilance when built into the manmade systems and operations that leads to good governance. Hence this concept is named as Self Imposed Vigilance for Good Governance - SIV-G. In the Hindu mythology, Shivi (Lord Shiva) is known as the God of destruction of evils. SIV-G (pronounced almost like Shivi without 'sh' sound) has been reinvented to assume the role of Shivi, for destruction of the evil, corruption and protection of human life through good governance in the globalised world. This concept, thus becomes an axiom to the 'Suresh's Law of Corruption Dynamics', presented during the Economics of Corruption (EoC) Lecture, 2005 in the University of Passau, Germany. It is yet another attempt towards 'Lokah Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu' (For the happiness of all mankind)

THE CONCEPT OF VIGILANCE

Traces of Vigilance

Shakespeare and Vigilance

In 'Tempest', Antonio speaks to Sebastian: "Let it be tonight, for, now they are oppress'd with travel, they will not, nor cannot, use such vigilance, as when they are fresh"

American Revolution and Vigilance

- Vigilance Committees and Vigilance groups
- Before emergence of governmental organization
- Self-appointed committees for maintaining law and order and justice
 - summarily dispensed justice
 - banishment
 - whipping or hanging
- Disbanded voluntarily after establishment of law enforcement machineries.

'Quality or character of being vigilant, watchfulness against danger or any action on the part of others, alertness or closeness of observations' - Oxford English Dictionary



TRANSFORMATION IN INDIA



INDIA'S Uniqueness

- + Vigilance Officers
- + Vigilance Departments
- + Administrative Vigilance Division
- + Central Vigilance Commission
- + State Vigilance Commission



Thus, vigilance is a core built in function exercised by everyone while performing every function for one's own good and others. And, this is called SELF IMPOSED VIGILANCE (SIV).

Eternal Vigilance is the price of liberty - Wendell Phillips

VIGILANCE IN THE GLOBALISED WORLD

Globalisation And Liberalisation End Of Cold War



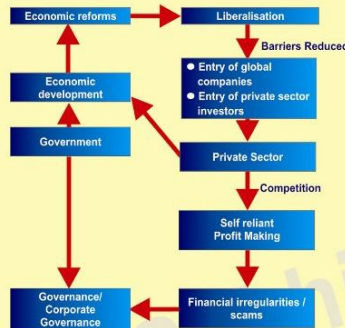
- Increase in sense of Global interdependence
- Security not only on Air Forces, Armies, National Arsenals
 - Also on economic and political factors
- Removal of
 - Authoritarian control
 - Decentralisation
 - Privatisation
 - Opening of economies to International Participation

Expanded Possibility of corruption

Post-cold war scenario

- Change of attitude of donor countries
- Keenness of the tax payers of the donor countries to know how aids were utilized by the receiving countries
- Whether the countries receiving aids are well governed or they have been siphoned away through corruption.
- Collapse of Russian economy in 1998
- Collapse of Tiger economies (South east and East Asian)
- External pressure (IMF, World Bank, WTO)
- Financial irregularities by WorldCom, Enron, Anderson etc.
- Increased awareness has resulted in developments like
 - Anti-bribery convention of the OECD of 1997
 - The Sarbanes Oxley Act
 - The United Nation General Assembly passing an anti-corruption convention in 2003

Economic Liberalisation



Globalisation And Liberalisation

- Rediscovery of truth - "Honesty is the best policy";
- There is a paradigm shift in the approach from "Business of business is business" to "Business of business is ethical business".
- Need for good governance and corporate governance

GOVERNANCE



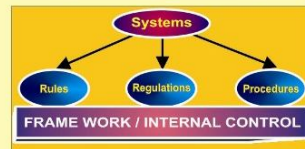
The ultimate test of ethics
"The measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out." - Lord T.B. Macaulay



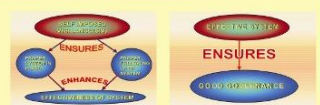
Adding Value
With Values

GOVERNANCE AND VIGILANCE

Elements of Governance



Self Imposed Vigilance (SIV)



As a way of life

CONCLUSION



GOVERNANCE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE
SELF IMPOSED VIGILANCE (SIV)

GOOD GOVERNANCE

In the ultimate analysis, the concept of Self Imposed Vigilance (SIV) can be best understood from the couplets of Saint Thiruvalluvar, when he observed:

முடிவும் இனையுறும் முற்றியாங்கு எங்கும்
படுபயனும் பார்த்துச் செயல்
Mudiyavum idaiyuru murriryangu eythum
Padupayanum parthuch cheyal

Thirukkural (Ch.68, Ver.676)

Every act is to be performed after considering the exertion required, the obstacles to be encountered and the purpose to be achieved on its completion.

This is the very essence of 'Self Imposed Vigilance (SIV)' and when this SIV is applied for Governance it becomes SIV-G and thus, takes the role of Shivi in destroying corruption.

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