

Good Governance in Sri Lanka: Challenges and Prospects

A Case of Navithanveli Predhesiya Shaba

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Good governance has become a serious concern in developing countries. In Sri Lanka, a number of initiatives have been introduced to build good governance in local government level. Some provincial governments have passed regulations that support the local government to build good governance. It is expected that this will facilitate citizens' involvement in the public policy processes. This paper examines the level of good governance and discusses the initiatives taken by Navithanveli Predhesiya Shaba, to build good governance. Further to identify the challenges and future prospects in building good governance in the institution. This study is a critical one based on interpretative analysis which has used quantitative and qualitative data. The stated purpose is examined by studying both primary and secondary materials. The primary data has been collected through key informants by interviews and focus group discussion. Four persons have been interviewed as key informants and five focus groups have been discussed. The Secondary data has been collected from books, official documents, reports, journals and news paper articles. The major finding of the study is that the above institution is ineffective in building good governance due to the challenges which have been faced by the institution owing to various reasons including lack of knowledge of good governance, desperate and frustration of involving in political activities of the people, etc.

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