Co-Governance with Mizo Civic Virtues in Mizoram

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Abstract

This paper will attempt to analyse the inherent culture of civic virtues as social capital amongst the mizos in the India's Northeast State of Mizoram with potentials for co-governance. A closely knit network of reciprocal social relationship can define a good stock of social capital for a community. Community-based Organisation based on such foundation to maintain community well-being with its own institutional structure and hierarchy can act as a good mediating institution with the Government. As these institutions are a part of the social order of society and they govern behaviour and expectations of individuals to a large extent. Public Administration can count on these existing stocks of social capital to build even stronger networks for bringing more dialogue to promote a co-governance.

Keywords: Co-Governance, Social Capital, Community Organisation, Public Service Delivery, Value Based Participation

Theoretical Background : Co- Governance and civic virtues for Value Participation

Public Administration and Governance aims to provide citizens with choices complying with the public-interest by guaranteeing certain processes and rights of individual. At the same time there have been rising expectations of citizen due to rapid technological advancement, shifting change in climatic condition, demographic structures and disease burden, and a host of other related challenges, thereby putting pressure on the government to be more efficient and effective. Demanding a greater need for innovation in the delivery of better public services in the literature of public administration. One such strategies includes people-centred policies, partnerships, and recognition of participation as a central concern of development approaches.

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