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A study of relationship between good governance level and political empowerment of women

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Abstract
Women in politics have been a matter of concern since ages. There is significant role of good governance in moving towards a gender neutral society in which women can play a significant role in politics as in other walks of life. Hence, this study was aimed to make in-depth understanding of effect of good governance level on political empowerment of women. Random Sampling Technique was used to collect data from one hundred twenty female households of Muzaffarpur District of Bihar for the purpose of the study. Personal Interview Schedule and Probing methods were used to collect and infer relevant data concerning the study. The result of the study revealed that good governance level is positively correlated with the political empowerment of women at 1% level with Pearson correlation value (r) of. 445, Kendall correlation value (τ) of.256 and Spearman correlation value (ρ) of.338 respectively. Hence, it could be concluded from the study that a good governance leads to political empowerment of women in a significant manner.

Keywords: Good governance, women empowerment, political empowerment of women

Introduction
Good governance is the proper management of the state, society, and resources. It consists of the methods, processes, and institutions that enable people to complete tasks. Good governance and development complement each other. It protects citizen's social, economic, and political rights regardless of their race, religion, caste, or gender. A lack of good governance has been identified as the root cause of many of society's fundamental faults. Equal participation encourages women to take leadership roles and advance the cause of good governance. The political dimension of governance assists female political candidates in developing their capacities and provides voter and civic education and sensitization efforts on gender equality and women's empowerment. As a result, a nation's development index generally rises through proper participation of women. Nur Syakiran Akmal Ismail (2013) [5] revealed that Good governance can be attained by involving women in decision-making. Gender mainstreaming (gender equality) and women's engagement in decision-making are two ways to create good governance which is seen to lead to more sustainable development. Equal political participation and power distribution between men and women in decision- making were established as a global aim in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. It would also help change views about women in families and communities and create good role models, if more women were prominently included as decision-makers in governance. It has also been demonstrated that greater female voter turnout strengthens citizenship when women are more fully represented in governance institutions. While there are several explanations for the gender gap in governance, the most prevalent one is that the distinction between "public" and "private" places has made it difficult for women to participate in governance. Politics has always been seen as a male arena since it takes place in the public sphere, but in many civilizations, women are supposed to limit their activities to the home and their close community (Tambiah, 2003) [6].

There has been some progress toward achieving a better gender balance in governance thanks to gender-sensitive changes in national and municipal administration, including the implementation of electoral quota systems and the creation of women's ministries. The fight for equality and recognition for women does not end even when they are actively involved in governance. Women are frequently excluded from government decision-making and limited to "soft" policy sectors like health and education. Women are not treated equal to men in Society. This is why women lag behind in gender development indices till now. As a result, women are underrepresented in the political development of the State.

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Materials and Methods

Ex-Post-facto research design was used for conducting the study. Muraul block of Muzaffarpur District of Bihar was selected for the study because this district is adjacent to the university, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University where the investigator was enrolled for her M.Sc. work. Muraul has thirty-seven villages, out of those, Bishunpur Bakhri village was selected for the study. Random sampling technique was used to select the sample. There are five hundred sixty-three households in Bishunpur Bakhri village out of which one hundred twenty (120) female households were chosen randomly as sample for the study. To obtain pertinent data from the respondents Personal Interview Schedule and Probing methods were used. Secondary information was gathered by reliable sources, including published yearly reports, statistical handbooks, research papers, etc. For the purpose of deriving findings and conclusions correlation analysis was applied.

Results and Discussion

Table 1: Correlation analysis between Good Governance Level and Political Empowerment of Women

Correlations	Good Governance Level	Political Empowerment of Women
Pearson Correlation	1	.445[**]
Sig. (1-tailed)		.000
N	120	120

[**]. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Table 1 reveals that there was a positive correlation between good governance level and political empowerment of women which means, if the level of good governance is high, women's participation in politics will be more, and vice-versa, (that's why it is denoted by the positive value of .445) which was significant at 1% level ($\alpha = 0.01$) with p value =.000 when compared into two-tailed format having the sample size of 120. It signifies that in a good governance situation, biasness on the basis of gender in politics will minimize. Therefore, Government's policies and plans should focus more on welfare and development of women in order to develop an equalitarian society where growth and development of both the sexes will be ensured.

Table 2: Additional Correlation between Good Governance Level and Political Empowerment of Women

Correlations		Good Governance Level	Political Empowerment of Women
Kendall's taub Correlation	Correlation Coefficient	1	.256[**]
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.000
	N	120	120
Spearman's rho Correlation	Correlation Coefficient	1	.338[**]
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.000
	N	120	120

[**]. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

In order to validate the result, the correlation coefficient was further validated with Kendall's tau b and Spearman's rho which was significant at 1% level ($\alpha = 0.01$) with a correlation coefficient value of.256. Similarly, for Spearman's rho, the correlation coefficient value was.338 and it was again significant at 1% level ($\alpha = 0.01$). It further validates the results that the relationship between good governance level

and political empowerment of women it was positively related which infers that a good governance scenario including women in its core is necessary for political empowerment of women.

Conclusion

It could be emphatically concluded from the study that Government policies and programs in favour of women contribute positively and significantly towards attainment of political empowerment for women.

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