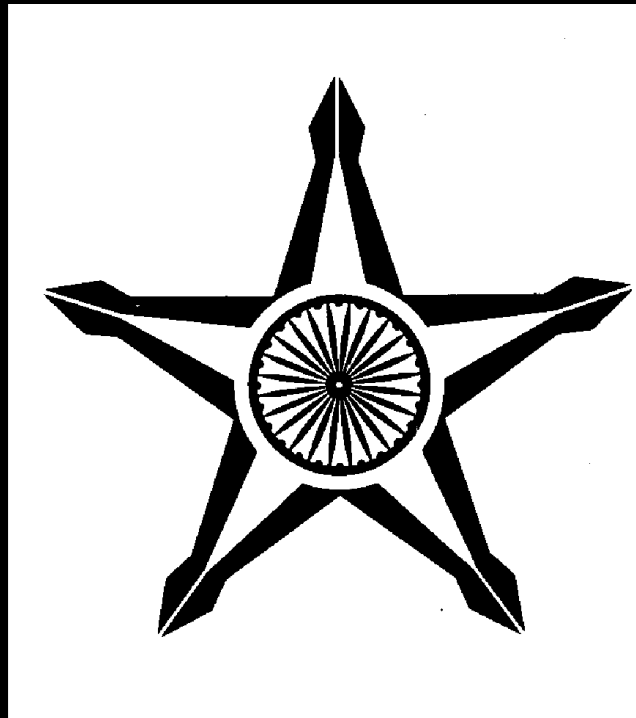


Friends of Lok Satta Meet

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**“Never doubt that a group of thoughtful,
committed individuals can change the world.**

Indeed it is the only thing that ever did”

Margaret Mead

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Why is governance vital?

The Government spends Rs. 1800 crores everyday

Government employs 70% of the 27 million organized employees

Fiscal deficit (Union and States) - 10% of GDP

50 % Union tax revenues - interest payment

Only 5 % of GDP spent on Health, Education and Social Security

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Can Economic Reforms Alone Deliver?

Smaller and more focused government will help

But government still has a significant role to play

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Irreducible Role of Government

Law and Order

Justice

Rule of Law

School Education

Primary Healthcare

Basic Infrastructure

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Key Governance Reforms

Comprehensive Electoral Reforms

Empowerment of Local Governments

Instruments of Accountability

Speedy and Efficient Justice

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Why No Action So Far

Ignorance

Fear

Inhibition (elitism)

Lack of common platform

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How can we overcome

Trust

Sense of equality

Common fate

Knowledge

Credible common platform

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Grass Roots Initiatives

People's Watch

Swarajya

Election Watch

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Impact

Citizen's Charters in A.P. - 9 departments

**A compensation of Rs.50/day for delay in services
– first time in India**

**Short delivery at petrol stations all over A.P. –
benefit of Rs. 1 crore/day**

Stakeholders empowerment – WUA, SEC

**Toilets for every household – over 2 million toilets
were built in the last 3 years**

**Enabling Societies law benefiting 165,000
organizations across the state**

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Influenced public discourse on power reforms in A.P.

Local successes – BRS in Kukatpally; Central excise corruption in small industries in A.P.

Right to Information – Legislation in 2002

Election Watch – arresting criminalization in politics; forced change of candidate for ZP chairperson in Kurnool

Common electoral rolls for local, State and national elections

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In A.P. Tendered Vote – proof of rigging and repoll

All parties in AP are now committed to local government electoral reforms

EC accepts in principle to make post office nodal agency for voter registration

Advocacy for political funding reform - nationwide impact on public discourse

Election Watch in Maharashtra (Agni), Tamilnadu (Citizen's Action Network), and W.B. (Lok Satta)

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Impact

20-25% passive support in AP

Wide name recognition throughout the State

Credible platform for National Network

Specific, measurable changes

Replicable Techniques

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How to Build a State-Wide Movement?

A group of credible persons with excellent track record

Deep insights into political and governance process

An agenda that is acceptable to all segments

Collective informed assertion on specific issues

Full time commitment and professionalism

Building a platform with brand image

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What Next ? - A.P.

Mobilizing 100,000 active citizens and activists

Advocacy for Right to Information Legislation

Expansion of Citizens Charters

Empowerment of Local Governments

Advocacy of Legislation for Gram Nyayalays

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What Next ? - A.P.

Police reforms at state level

Focus on delivery of school education and public health

New Stake-holder empowerment laws

Marketing committees

Empowering ward committees

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Major Activities at National Level

Advocacy for political funding reform

Advocacy for regulation of political parties

Changes in voter registration procedure- post office as nodal agency

Measures to curb polling irregularities

Alliances & National platform for governance reforms - Karnataka, Gujarat, M.P., Orissa and Delhi

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Road Map to Reforms

Specific reforms in 3-4 key states

Building of state-wide movements in key states

Creation of national platform

National campaign for a few specific goals

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“The punishment suffered by the wise who refuse to take part in the government, is to suffer under the government of bad men.”

Plato

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Thank You

Together

We Will Make A Difference