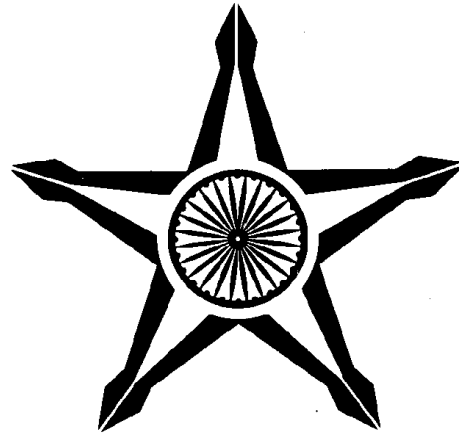


LOK SATTA



*People Power*

# MISSION

*To promote peaceful, democratic transformation of  
Indian Governance process and enable India to achieve  
full potential through good governance*

# **Our Goals**

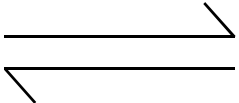
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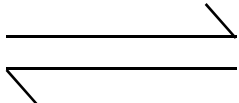
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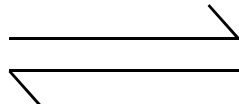
- Process Improvements
  - preventing polling irregularities
  - arresting and reversing criminalization of politics
  - and checking abuse of unaccountable money power in elections
- System Improvements
  - Political Party Reform
  - Proportional Representation
  - Direct Election of Chief Executive at the state level with clear separation of Powers

# Empowerment of Local Governments

- Transfer of funds, functions and functionaries to local governments
- Link between

vote  public good

taxes  services

authority  accountability

# **Instruments of Accountability**

- Right to Information
- Independent Crime Investigation
- Independent appointment of constitutional functionaries
- Independent and effective Anti-Corruption agency
- Term Limits for Public Office
- Strict penalties for abuse of office
- Citizens' Charters
- Stakeholder Empowerment

# Judicial Reforms

- Limit Writ Jurisdiction
- Increase number of courts
- Local courts in local language (Gram Nyayalay)
- Time bound Justice
- Independent mechanism for Judicial Appointments
- Independent Crime Investigation

# Our Activities

- Peoples Watch
- Swarajya
- Election Watch
- Issue Advocacy
- Networking



# Our Accomplishments

- Citizen's Charters – introduced in 9 departments by AP government
  - State Electricity Board
  - Road Transport Corporation
  - Transport Department
  - Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board
  - Employment Exchanges
  - Commercial Taxes Department
  - Registration Department
- Citizen's Charter for Municipalities in A.P. – Lok Satta's creation – provides for compensation of Rs. 50/- day for delay in services – first in India

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# Our Accomplishments

- Cessation of short delivery at Petrol Stations all over A.P.
- Stakeholders empowerment – water user associations and school education committees constituted formally by the state government
- Toilets for every household – largely on Lok Satta's advocacy over 2 million toilets were built in the last 2 years
- Stopped enactment of a restrictive Societies Law and ensured passing of an enabling law

# Our Accomplishments

- Building Regularization Scheme - Kukatpally
- Changing the nature of dialogue on Women's Reservation
- Creating awareness on Right to Information
- Election Watch – arresting growth of criminal elements in Politics and spearheading massive voter registration drives
- Could influence selection of candidate for ZP chairperson in Kurnool district through public pressure

# Our Accomplishments

- India's leading movement for governance reforms
- 20 % popular base in A.P.
- Emerged as an influential voice for specific governance reforms in various for a of civil society as well as government bodies
- Nationally recognized as a credible, non-partisan, effective platform to fight corruption, and seek better governance
- Acquired the potential to build a national movement

## **Current Activities in A.P.**

- Mobilizing 100,000 active citizens as watchdogs and activists
- Advocacy for Right to Information Legislation
- Expansion of Citizens Charters
- Empowerment of Local Governments

## **Current Activities in A.P.**

- Advocacy of Legislation for Gram Nyayalays
- Police Reforms at State Level
- Focus on delivery of School Education and Public Health
- New Stake-holder empowerment Laws
  - \_ Marketing committees
  - \_ Empowering ward committees

## **Major Activities at National level**

- Advocacy for Political Funding Reform
- Advocacy for regulation of Political Parties
- Changes in Voter Registration Procedure – Post offices as nodal agency
- Measures to curb polling irregularities
- Election Watch in Tamilnadu, W.Bengal, Maharashtra and U.P.
- Alliances & National Platform for Governance Reforms – Karnataka, Gujarat, M.P., Orissa and Delhi