MISSION

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

- Comprehensive Electoral Reforms
- Empowerment of Local Governments
- Instruments of Accountability
- Speedy and Efficient Justice
Electoral Reforms

- Process Improvements
  - preventing poling 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 \(\Rightarrow\) public good
    - taxes \(\Rightarrow\) services
    - authority \(\Rightarrow\) 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 fora 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