

# SIGNIFICANCE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN MODERN SOCIETY

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**Abstract:** Public administration includes qualities of the developing and developed countries and sincerely the qualities that help in the development of the welfare of the countries. Public administration helps as a social, political development; tool it plays a significant role in the development of safety and welfare as a centralization of the administration as the helper to abide the law and as the defender of the constitution and humanity, as a new branch in the field of education and as the defender of the democracy.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION:

The significance of the public administration means the importance of it in the present time, every country whether a developed or developing country, a capitalistic or welfare oriented country is rooted on the shoulders of public administration. That is why it has come to be known as the 'heart of modern civilization'. There was a time when public saw administration through a different perspective, two centuries ago people saw the government as the oppressors of the public which changed almost after a century where the public just wished that they should be left alone, meaning the functioning of administration was jarred at that time, because it was new and was still learning whims and caprices of the modern time and functioning, but as we speak of 21st century now people look up to government for development, to protect and to provide better, almost everything houses and employment, transport, air and bus services, they are to make law and abide and protect them, and help in the function of executive and judiciary. Thus from being oppressors to becoming the defenders, the government has come a long way in the past two centuries. There has been a drastic change in the way people see government today, they went from being rulers to the service providers. Public administration's usefulness from the point of view of study - As mentioned above, public administration has a lot of importance in the present society. So it is self-evident. It is said that the importance of administrative science is also increasing at the same rate. The usefulness of the study of this subject can be seen from the following aspects.

1.From the point of view of accumulation of knowledge- Knowledge is discovered in every subject through study. The importance of knowledge of an important area like public administration in human organization for the present and future can be easily understood.

2.Public Cooperation - An important element of the success of democratic governance is public cooperation. Unless the public has a clear understanding about the administration, it cannot cooperate in the administration. A student of administrative science will be able to develop into a capable citizen who, understanding his responsibility will move forward to control and cooperate with the administration. 3.Development of personal qualities - Through the study of administration, various qualities can be developed in a person. It is not necessary that the student of this subject should work in public administration. But if he goes into administration he will be more successful. Along with this, he will be more successful in other areas where he comes in contact with administration, such as politicians, members of corporations, private industry systems etc.

4.Solution of problems - The problems that come before public administration, the possibility of their solution increases with the study of administrative science. If this subject is not studied, a separate committee or commission will be formed for each problem. Due to this his study will be in a very narrow perspective and the members of such a committee may be experienced administrators but they will not have knowledge of administration and study techniques. Therefore, administrative scientists can study the problems in a more useful way.

5. Useful for administrators - Public administrators can get the knowledge of administrative science through training. This subject can give knowledge of not only the general administration of one's own country but also the administrative achievements of other countries. This subject also gives knowledge of administration problems, new technology, public aspirations etc. to the administrator Importance of Public Adm. - In Modern, In Developed, In Developing, State, Countries in Individuals - As an Instrument - Welfare Life of Public Policy Orientation Importance of Public Administration A. In Modern State - Public administration is the central point of modern governance. As we are moving from monarchy to democracy and police welfare state, the importance of administration is also increasing. Gradually, not only has it been the responsibility of the administration but their complexities are also increasing. The greater welfare of the society depends upon the efficiency of public administration, if public administration fails, the structure of society will collapse like a pile of mud. According to Donham, if our civilization fails, then the failure of administration will be the main reason for it.

A. Following are the importance of public administration.

The scope of public administration is very wide in terms of functions. Therefore, public administration has to perform the following functions to achieve the democratic socialist goal.

a. Political Functions - Public administration actively assists the political executive in the work of law making, budget making, planning, collecting data for all those tasks due to policy.

b. Stability functions - Public administration, since the inception of the state, it has been performing defense, law and order and functions. The stability of the state depends on its efficiency.

c. Economical Functions - The responsibility of public administration is to create economic development and order. This work has become important in a developing society. The main activities in this context are - running industry, doing business, mining, fuel and transport related work, economic regulation, price control, distribution functions such as, distribution of ration, cheap food grains, distribution of household items.

d. Social Justice - In every society some class or community becomes crippled from the socioeconomic point of view. It is the responsibility of the public administration to do the work of their upliftment, so to solve this problem, the Backward Classes Commission, Scheduled Castes and Tribes Commission, Women's Welfare and Child Welfare were established and all these commissions are run by the public administration.

B. Role of Public Administration in Individual Life- Administration continues to serve in the life of a person before waking up in the morning and even after sleeping, when we go to sleep, the electricity administration is arranging electricity for us even while sleeping. And as soon as we wake up in the morning, we need water; the water administration provides us with water. Just as the mother starts taking care of it before the birth of the child, taking education in a state-run school, enrolling in the office at the end of education, and at the local level for education, health, electricity, water and sanitation, municipal or there are activities like administration by Panchayat etc. in which public administration is directly playing its role.

C. Public Administration as an Instrument of Public Policy - The work of implementing public policy is that of public administration. Public administration implements policies keeping in mind our changing needs and circumstances. The way the state makes policies to solve our growing problems like population problem, unemployment problem, education related health problem through five year plans and administration plays a major role in the formulation and implementation of those policies.

1. Inspiring force of Social Change - Public administration is a definite medium of social change and administrators act as an agent in it. All the plans for socio-economic change are successfully implemented by the administrative machinery.

2. Preserve Civilization & Culture - The development or destruction of any civilization depends on the success and failure of public administration. According to Waldo, administration can be defined as an important invention or means through which civilized human beings try to control their culture in heterogeneous societies. Therefore, along with the development of the society, the work of maintaining the changes in civilization and culture is done by the public administration itself.

3. Stabilizing Democratic Values - Democratic values, such as, equality before the law, fair press, fair elections, equal distribution of property, etc. can be kept alive during various circumstances only by public administration. Governments come and go, but public administration always protects democracy like a vigilant watchdog.

4. Public Welfare - The main function of public administration is public welfare and this is its purpose. According to L.D. White, public administration is demanded for the welfare of all the people of the state. The attainment of public interest, which is the aim of the state, depends on a well-organized public administration. "In developing countries all public welfare services and facilities are implemented by the administrators.

D. Welfare Orientation: The indulgence of government in almost every aspect of life their main aim in developing countries is welfare oriented. some of the welfare activities that government actively participate today is to stop and eradicate child marriage, to end racism, to prevent the atrocities on minority, every country struggles with its own internal conflicts, some places it is ethnic clashes, some places it is racism. Government is to eradicate poverty and hunger, it's one of the main aim is to bring people above the poverty line, to facilitate health care and education, along with battling against the age old ill practices they need to improve the standard of living and give every individual a fair chance to live their life with dignity. Here by no means the work of government is easy and because of this interwoven network of development so tightly, government has its hand in every jar possible. However, despite being so widely associated with daily human life, public administration has different effects on the way it functions and influences developing and developed countries.

Public administration in Developed countries. It is very difficult to club every developed country in the same group because they vary drastically on the basis of their Geographical, political, economical and physical and historical legacy. Every country is different in its own way and similarly has a very different administrative structure, like the same size does not fit. The same administrative system does not work effectively for all countries, thus every country has its own adaptation of what works for them. Developed countries are different then developing and under developing countries in many ways, for the majority of them the countries which come under their category of developed nation have crossed some basic benchmarks which make them a developed nation.

Higher level of Differentiation - the countries today which come under the category of developed nations, generally have a long history of successful government and efficient administration, thus along with time such countries have a long history of evolution of administration which provides for very differentiated and functionally specific functioning of government in the country. These nations generally have very cleanly stratified administration with systematic hierarchy and methodology which results in a highly specialized system.

Focus on training - Most the developed nations believes and focuses on the rigorous training of the recruits almost immediately after joining in the civil services, training is a very essential part in the development of the character of a civil servant to its fullest potential, along with general training the developed nations frame various special training program according the field requirements. Training of their officials does not limit itself up to knowledge but it is used to enhance the skills of the officials.

Advance technology - Given the history of developed nations they have a very stable economic foundation thus they could invest money in the research and development for the state of the art technology, this is one the main reason as to why all the developed nations have higher probability technological advancement as compared to developing nations. Sound technological advancement makes the work of the government easier; they could work on public data more effectively and analyze the demand of time more efficiently which ultimately help in the making of sound public policy and policy implementation simultaneously.

Indicative planning - This is one of the most common factor of all the developed nation who one time or other started planning for their growth indicatively, unlike the developing countries who tries to micromanage with a very detail oriented planning and discussion the developed nation just align the growth plans in the direction such that that their plans and policy supports the private and social sector of the country, they try to utilize the force of private and local as much as they could instead of planning against the collaborative goals of the private and non government organization.

Public administration in the developing countries Majority of the countries today which come under the category of developing countries has been a European colony in the past, which is why they have suffered in the past as well as have been suffering till date with social and economic backwardness even after their independence. Public administration as concept is new to these countries and thus administration has a very responsible and multifaceted role to play for the improvement of their situation, for developing countries the public administration is as good as government in action, they have to act as the 'champion of development', the problems of the developing countries are very serious thus they require utmost specialization and discipline to resolve them, there are many countries in the world which suffers from extreme hunger and poverty, such countries whose natural resources has been depleted and extorted during colonization and thus the people are left with a death sentence waiting to happen for them, in such areas the government don't only work as the facilitators but they also play a emotional motivator to uplift the people. Thus along with a political economical role they have to play a social and emotional role as well. The socio economic role which administration plays in the developing countries is –

1. Improving the wellbeing of the society.
2. To eradicate poverty, minimize diseases and social illness.
3. To remove social and economic disparities and provide the countries with higher education and intensive training in any field.

## 2. LITERATURE REVIEW:

- Indian Institute of Public Administration Indian Institute of Public Administration renowned as IIPA states that Public Administration essentially means public and community; it also states that in the modern society a good governance system is about accountability, transparency, fairness, impartiality and integrity. Such factors play an essential role in the modern society and greatly enhance the significance of Public Administration in it. 2. American Society of Public Administration The most renowned organization of America since 1939 serves as the organization representing public service arena is of the view that “embracing new ideas, addressing key public service issues and promoting change at the local, federal and international levels, the society can enhance the quality of lives worldwide.”
- University of North Carolina University of North Carolina states in one of its article that Public Administration professionals are equipped with managing effectively on the levels of management and Government {local, state and Centre} this symbolizes that as the global leadership grows it is significant to equip oneself with knowhow of Administration for effective governance.

**3. MATERIALS:** This research paper is compiled on with the help of Internet and is based of secondary data research.

**4. METHOD:** This article has used secondary data as the method of compilation.

## 5. DISCUSSION:

The article primarily discusses the relation of Governance with Public administration and in later part it provides signification of Public Administration with modern society as well as how it can be improved for better governance in modern state. As the people evolve it is essential for the system of governance to evolve as well.

## 6. ANALYSIS:

The Article weighs the significance of public administration in the modern society and it has been observed that public administration is essentially governance in today’s world and without governance the functionality of country is not possible thus it plays a significant role primarily on governance. More over public administration also deals with plethora of social subjects like motivation, morale and ethics, hence not only on making a democracy functional, but also to make it a better humanistic society to live in Public administration plays a multifaceted role in modern society

## 7. FINDING:

The article hence proves that Public administration hold a dominating role in modern society in almost all aspects.

**8. RESULT:** This article helps to find out various role of public administration in modern society.

## 9. CONCLUSION :

Public administration plays a very important role in nation building; it has a specific role in the unity of a nation and to create harmony and peace among different caste, creed, religions and races. Since majority of countries in developing nations has recently gained their independence , public administration has a significant role in establishing their democracy, along with it they also possess the responsibility of stabilizing the political solicitation, without a stable political system the economy cannot grow to its fullest potential and compel the people of the country to write and rewrite the constitution again and again, thus political stabilization is of utmost importance with unified polity

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