

COMPASSION IN ACTION VIA GOVERNANCE: A WAY TO ENJOY EACH OTHER

Special Communiqué

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People assess good governance when it uses public resources wisely to meet their needs. It communicates the ideas of justice, kindness, and fairness into action. The happiness of the people is a better way to judge how well a government is doing than standard economic measures. It becomes a holy act of service when governance helps people grow in all areas—material, emotional, spiritual, and social.

Gross National Happiness (GNH) is the basis of Bhutan's good governance that considers progress as central to people, essentially protecting both the culture and environment. It includes taking care of mental health and making sure the government works. The main goal is to help people and communities live happy, meaningful, and connected lives.

Governments can make people happy by making sure their basic needs are met, like housing, safety, education, and health care. The government also needs to give people freedom, respect, and a reason to live. Instead of just structure, the government should prioritise compassion and caring, open institutions, inclusive democracy, shared power, and making sure that everyone can be involved in decision-making at the top of its list.

Politics changes when leaders are aware and worried. The Bhutan government works on equity, sustainability, collectivism, balance and a holistic approach in promoting peace with nature, nonviolence, and self-control. It brings security, safety and trust among people. This faith makes happiness possible.

Bhutan's public policy is people's well-being first, from the concept of GNH. Countries like the United Arab Emirates, Scotland, Iceland, and New Zealand are starting to include measures of happiness or well-being in their national planning. These projects aren't perfect, but they show that we're moving away from models that focus on GDP and towards what really matters: long-term growth and people's happiness.

The government should also think about how people see and feel about themselves, other people, and their surroundings. A holistic governance model includes teaching values, being a good role model, and doing things that help people find peace within themselves. Corporations and schools are two examples of public institutions that should help people learn more.

If leaders want to make people happy, they need to listen to the land, the young, the old, and people who don't usually get heard. Good governance makes sure that what is good for the world is also right for the people. It knows that everyone, not just the lucky or rich, should try to be happy.

Good governance should aim for a society where wisdom rules, love is the basis of everything, and everything is done to make all living things happy.

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