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Though it take time and effort to institutionalize data backed decision-making in government institution, the positive effect it can have on governance to improve the lives of citizens is significant. Discuss (200 words)

Data backed decision making - A catalyst in governance

From knowing the improvement in food security of the country to tracking security of border, data on each sector play a vital role in governance and decision making. Some global data being used for ranking countries like - Global happiness index, safety index, poverty index et. are significant at global level.

Also at National level, starting from census data, which is base for government data, literacy rate, growth rate, population below poverty line are most significant at state level.

positive effect

1) Recent development in states like Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, to improve rely on data-centred decision making.

2) Important example is Education in Haryana state, where dashboard is created to monitor students areas of weaker outcomes and steps taken to improve them through monthly meetings

3) Teacher-connect app to train students based on state weak areas of students and form for others to discuss.

4) All these help state & district heads to check for improvements.

[Challenges]

1) What data to collect? should be carefully studied

2) How to collect? also should be studied for precision of data.

3) And what decision making system to rely upon?

4) And linking data with respective department for it due and upto date.

So, data's significance in governance is increasing and should be boosted for better lives of citizens.