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## **ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION**

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### **ABSTRACT**

In every part of the world, civil society contributes to the advancement, preservation, and improvement of human rights. Civil society is a non-profit voluntary citizen group at the regional, national, and international levels. Definition by world bank. In other words, civil society includes voluntary and non-profit organization, registered charities, and informal gathering that has an interest to promote the will of citizens. Civil society Organization (CSO) includes nongovernmental organization, professional association, foundation, independent research institutes, Community-based organization, faith-based organization, people's organization, social movement, and labour federation. Civil society plays an important role in the administration. It plays the role of the interface of interaction between the government and the governed. Some examples of well-known Civil Society Organizations are Amnesty International, International Trade Union Confederation, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), Greenpeace, and The Danish Refugee Council (DRC).

**KEYWORDS:** Civil society, Interests, NGO, Marginalised people, Government

### **INTRODUCTION**

Civil society is a non-profit organization that is independent of the government sector and provides services in the interest of the public. Civil society is also called the wide collection or array of organizations according to the World Bank which consists of community organizations, non-government organizations (NGOs), faith-based organizations, charitable organizations, some professional groups and

associations, indigenous groups, and foundations.<sup>122</sup> In other words, it is a wide array of organizations. These are some organizations and groups that are part of civil society.

Civil society organization has an expansive field of interest as they include community-based and nongovernment-based organization such as NGOs within themselves. The Indian state has always been uncomfortable with independent civil society organization, primarily those which acquired support from the alien state and goes after research and activism which does not align with state plans.

India has more than 4 million civil society organizations ranging from catastrophe ease to advocacy for deprived communities.

Civil society organization often bridges the gap between the government and people who are untouched by some state schemes. And also numerous civil society organizations have welcomed some of the laws in the country, including the Environmental Protection Act-1986, Right to Education Act-2009, Forests Rights Act-2006, and Right to Information Act-2005. When looking into Indian history, civil society has played a prominent role in attaining the independence of the country. Many social reformers in India to enhance societal standards have formed certain civil society organizations.

### **TYPES OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION**

1. Community Based- Organization (CBO)
2. Faith- Based Organization

<sup>122</sup> <https://unacademy.com/content/upsc/study-material/polity/civil-society/>

3. Foundations
4. Non- Governmental organization
5. Labour union
6. People's organization
7. Professional association

### **COMMUNITY BASED- ORGANIZATION (CBO)**

Community-based organization is a private or public institution that provides precise service to specific communities like community health centres, childcare providers, home visiting programs, state domestic violence coalitions, and local domestic violence shelters and programs, Adult protective services programs, homeless services providers, and food banks. Community-based organization is operated by community residents. It serves the interest it has within the community. As they are locally formed, they will only tackle issues within the community.

Since the community-based organization is a non-profit association, any profit earned by its own through fundraising is exempt from paying taxes. Also, the financial crisis is a problem in CBO as fundraising and donations are the only profit it cannot be enough to achieve group goals and develop the community.

### **TYPES OF CBO**

- Common Interest Group
- Microfinance institutions
- village development committees
- User association
- faith-based

### **FAITH- BASED ORGANIZATION**

These are religious groups or establishments whose values are based on faith or beliefs which include virtuous elements to help those in requirement and enhance the human condition.

They play a huge role in providing health information and health care for those who are

in need.

### **FOUNDATIONS**

These are philanthropic or charitable organizations set up by individuals or institutions as a trust. They may also be set up as charitable entities that accept donations to finance specific activities that are often socially worthwhile. Examples include the Ayala Foundation (Philippines), Aga Khan Foundation (Switzerland), Sir Ratan Tata Trust (India), the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (United States), and the Ford Foundation (United States).

### **INTERNATIONAL NGO (NON- GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION)**

International NGO is an independent community that is free from government intervention and extends the notion of NGO to an international spectrum. NGO was coined in 1945 in the founding of the United Nation to differentiate between remote organizations and intergovernmental organizations. Numerous international Nongovernmental organizations (NGO) such as Amnesty International, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Oxfam International, CARE, Save the Children, and the World Wildlife Fund are international organizations. Other international NGOs, such as Greenpeace and the Sierra Club, are big membership organizations.<sup>123</sup> It performs the role of supplying local information that is inaccessible to the government.

Since the 1970s the NGOs have increased, particularly at the national and local levels. At the international level, immense numbers of NGOs have been built to deal with problems such as human rights, women's liberties, and environmental conservation. By the 21st century, the number of international NGOs has been boosted by 6000. It has played a vital role in global campaigns by being against slavery, violence against women, the expansion of nuclear weapons, and so on.

<sup>123</sup> <https://www.britannica.com/topic/nongovernmental-organization>

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## PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION

People's organizations are groups of communities formed to enhance the economic and social well-being of the members of the community. Unlike NGOs, these are formed to represent small farmers, local laborers, artisanal Fisher folk, and so on. It focuses on the upliftment of deprived and helpless communities. It only addresses concerns of a particular sector.

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Professional Association is a group that usually strives to promote the interests of people employed in that profession.

Examples of professional associations in India:

- Aeronautical Society of India
- All India Management Association
- CFA Council of India
- Engineering Council of India
- Indian Concrete Institute
- Indian History Congress and many more.

## ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION

India has the largest number of people who are below the marginal line of poverty. Despite being the sixth or seventh largest economy in

the world we have failed to re-engineer our civilization toward fundamental development and growth. In such a scenario, the voluntary union cannot be restricted from intervention with the government.

Civil society organization plays a paramount role in the development of the national economy, especially in the fields of education, child care, protection and development, health care, etc. To achieve the objective of a new India advertisement, schemes, awareness campaigns, and so on are insufficient without the active participation of civil society Organizations. In this respect, India needs a sufficient role of civil society in creating a new India.<sup>124</sup>

Learning links one of the non-profit organizations is a reliable community which devotes to enhancing the quality of education and promoting the citizens. It provides financial literacy programs to obtain economic growth. And they are numerous better civil societies that seek to promote the economy even in the digital sector.

- In a developing country like India, multiple gaps are being left by the government during the process of development. These are the gaps that civil societies try to fit into modern India.<sup>125</sup>
- In addition to the government providing health care to citizens, CSO raises awareness about malnutrition and certain issues about health.
- Childline India Foundation, World Vision, and many more civil societies have raised awareness about child sexual abuse.
- Still, there are voluntary associations that rally public opinion against the administration or government policies.

<sup>124</sup> <https://www.governancenow.com/views/columns/role-of-civil-society-organisations-in-governance-and-csr>

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- The judiciary helps these civil society groups whenever the government is unresponsive.

There is a huge distinction between not so efficient public sector and the profit-making sector. This creates a need for non-governmental organizations (NGO) or civil society organizations (CSO) as a third sector in this administration.

### **CONCLUSION**

These institutions are a democratic process that paves the route for quality decision-making. Civil society is an expansive community including various organizations within itself. It plays a substantial role in conveying the interests of the depressed and tyrannized class, and it also monitors the state's actions. Where there is no civil community there cannot be people with capacities. Having civil society as a bridge between government and citizens enables the nation to straighten up. Its goal is to preserve and advocate for individuals' human rights and the safety of people. Civil society organizations contribute to society's protection and advancement. From the content, it can be said that civil society is an important information for both management and citizens. They parallel the work with the government and add their alternative option in certain subject matters. Civil society organizations or non-governmental organizations work for the will and interest of citizens and these institutions or associations are independent of the government and society.

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