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## POLITICAL TRUST AND RIGHT TO LIVE WITH HUMAN DIGNITY :

### Reflections On the Indian Scenario

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Public trust is an essential tool for providing good governance in all political systems. Governments, which have a higher level of public trust, can govern effectively. Trust in government is a reliable indicator of social capital, and it significantly enhances economic performance via higher efficiency in the coordination, decisions, and regulations. This article examines changes occur in political trust for the handling of the COVID-19 pandemic throughout 2020. At present, the corona virus pandemic has claimed over millions of lives globally. If the crisis is primarily a health crisis, it has also proved to be a political one. Because, the urgent and global nature of the pandemic has forced governments worldwide to take action and impose a wide range of measures on their population, often impeding constitutional rights and individual freedoms under the State of Emergency. Sometimes the pandemic has tested the relationships between citizens and governments, sometimes exacerbating political and social tensions. Governments should provide security to citizens against unpredictable events. During times of uncertainty, trust between government and individuals is crucial for the social contract to hold between these actors. People can trust their government if they think that the government has the capacity, expertise, and