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Corruption reflects a crisis of ethics and values

Corruption is a struggle that a common man or woman encounters everyday to maintain their fundamental rights and other benefits as a human being granted by constitution. Corruption in public life is a means of obtaining personal benefit through illicit means.

Ranking

India is ranked 85th / 180 in Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index, 2021.

Reasons

- Despite digitisation and initiatives to bring transparency like single window clearances, registration of certificates, menace of corruption continues.
- Public servants have succumbed to vulgar high lifestyle and compromise to traditional values.

- Corruption is not an innate form of behavior, rather a system of wider dynamics - Interactions, opportunities, strengths and weakness in socio political system.
- Lack of faith in oneself
- Common impression that if their seniors or colleagues involve in corruption, then why don't I involve and receive my part - lack of deterrent among society
- Failure of moral reasoning and to understand the problems of corruption and what it leads to.
- lack of understanding about power and service.

Way ahead

- Imparting ethics and moral based education to all public servants.
- Field study on how corruption affects lower section of population
- By not pressurizing with heavy workload and relaxing norms
- Engaging in meditation activities to understand one's true self.
- Exploring Santhanam committee report and independent ethics committee to look into finances of officers.