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① Corruption is a reflection of crisis in ethics and moral values of Public Servants in the country. Discuss.

India's rank is 85/180 countries in Global Corruption Index. Rank has improved from 2020 in (86) 2021 (85). Except Bhutan all other neighbours performed below India.

P.M → ^{75th} Independence day vision.

Theme at Red fort called for Corruption prevention with joint efforts from both public servants and citizens of the country.

Comparison.

Comparison with other countries seems not agreeable, as most of the countries are far off from clean governance.

Common man's disgrace.

Most of them, have perception that corruption prevalent among both high ladder and bottom and with both State & Central administration.

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Digitisation

It really helped to streamline the issue of critical documents like birth / death certificates etc, removing discretion of public servants.

Areas of occurrence.

Real estate

It is one of the area where corruption is happening frequently in selling & buying property, rising the real estate prices. Illegal under the table payment became a norm and those who are not dealing with the demands are harassed with inordinate delays in giving permission.

Law enforcement

Political corruption where the 'plum portfolio' are target. Police department are defaulters in this case. Hardly around 10,000 police station can claim they are free from ~~cor~~ this malady.

Recent Police scam in Mumbai shows ugly ~~change~~ transmission of illegal money between the police and the ministers.

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~~Effects of these are~~

Bureaucracy

eg: Ips, with bright academics, ~~are~~ as easily fall prey to usurious lifestyle forgetting the ethical & moral values, making it collusive corruption → win-win situation for political fortunes.

What is the need?

Executive norms and laws alone cannot bring out change in the situation.

eg: criminologists reports that stricter punishment has no major effect on crime rate.

Education in ethics to the future generations has to be the priority, with growing them to follow honest way, with some scope for them in the future to change the situation.