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CORRUPTION AND ITS IMPACT ON THE SOCIETY

The menace of corruption has links to a multitude of vices. Its roots are linked to injustice, mistrust, suspicion, extremism and terrorists activities. It creates a sense of insecurity, exacerbates, poverty and adds to the misfortune of the vulnerable segments of the society. It also instills a sense of hopelessness and dependency and threatens the strength of good values which have been established over centuries of civilized struggle.

The word "corruption" has its origin in a Latin Verb called "corruptus" meaning 'to break'. Literally it means 'a broken object'. In simple words, corruption means 'the misuse of entrusted power for private benefit'. Conceptually, corruption is a form of behavior which departs from ethics, morality. In addition, law and civic virtue.

The term corruption has various definitions. The United Nations Manual on Anti-corruption, The Transparency International and the Multi-lateral Financial Institution like the World Bank and Asian Development Bank define corruption as "abuse of public office for private gains". The National Anti-corruption Strategy (NACS) has defined corruption as, "a behavior on the part of public office holders

and unlawfully enrich themselves, and / or those close to them or induce others to do so by misusing the position in which they are placed". The ultimate victim of corruption and poverty is the human dignity itself. Hence corruption causes breach in the social order and emerged as a potential threat to the prosperity, peace and stability of human civilization across the globe. Corruption in government spending leads to serious reduction in impact of the development program and results in a perpetual increase in cost of maintenance of public assets.

Now-a-days corruption can be seen every where. It is like cancer in public life, which has not become so rampant and perpetrated over night, but in course of time. A country where leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Patel, Lal Bahadur Shastri and Kamraj ^{were born?} have taken birth and led a value-based is now facing the problem of corruption.

Need and greed are cited as a reason of corruption and corruption practices. Need as a reason is applied to low paid employees specially those entrusted with service delivery powers and public contact. Corruption occurs ~~can't~~ seen of every compulsion, as those indulging in corruption are in need of the basic necessities and lack assets to social entitlement. However, need very easily emerge with greed once need is taken as a corruption and corrupt practices

Absence of an ethical base in societal attitudes is also cited as one of the root causes of corruption.

When we talk of corruption in public life, it covers corruption in politics, state government, central government, business, industry and so on. Public dealing counters in most all government offices are the places where corruption ^{are} more evident. If anybody does not play the work it is sure work won't be done.

Though it seems very difficult to control corruption but it is not impossible. It is not only responsibility of the government, but ours too. We can eliminate corruption if there will be lot effort, we must have some high principles to follow so that we - may be models for the coming generations. Let us take a view to create an atmosphere free from corruption. That will have the highest achievement as human beings.

LOVE all, TRUST a few, do wrong to none.