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1 Corruption is one of the social evils that is prevalent in societies all around the world. According to the dictionary, "Corruption means the practicing of illegal acts through bribery, unlawful means; a departure from what is right." It is the negation or ignorance of good values thereby decreasing the values of certain things. Corruption scandalizes the good in man, where evil and greed takes over and the person who corrupts becomes the victim of such vices. Corruption is a serious threat to society, to all individuals and the world economy itself.

There are many ways in which corruption affects the society in general. We see instances like a contractor who constructs buildings which are not fully secure, but signs anyways due to greed of money. Also, in most common incidents, bribery is always the headline. Even in our own state of Mizoram, big officers who would have the heart for a little extra bonus just for signing paperworks seem to be the stereotype.

But if we study at a close range, corrupt people may have their own good reasons. It can be due to health hazards, family demands, etc. The reasons may be quite excusable but as long as it is corruption, there is injustice. Corruption also affects the values of society.

A shopkeeper with false weights, a milk vendor who adulterates milk, all these are examples of corruption. Corruption need not be very open but everyone can be corrupt one way or another. Corruption also impacts the balance of society, where the rich would get richer through unfair means, and the poor would get poorer by getting paid low labour wages. All corrupted acts, from small to serious, deeply threatens the society and its impact innumerable.

If we look at corruption from a wider perspective, every individual has been corrupt one way or another. Exploitation of any kind is corruption, shirking work is corruption, force or power is corruption and even drug dealers doing shady jobs is considered a form of corruption. In our society of Mizoram, cooking gas seems to be a scarce yet important and satisfying item in our households. When we run

low of these, we seem to run to the black market and buy ourselves our necessities. Black markets of any kind are all forms of corruption, as they inherit bad traits to consumers and killing their good virtues. Also, most parents seem to run to Principals of certain schools if their children are not admitted in the class. They please the Principals with their skilled conversations, mostly changing their minds. All these can be considered corruption due to unduly practices. Corruption acts are all around us, with some barely even noticeable like a simple thievery. A child may quickly snatch food items from a store with no thoughts of regret. This is corruption because the corrupted does his evil deeds for personal gains. Every individual is corrupted, with all counts even upto a corrupted mind.

In our local and national political scene, we learn that 'power corrupts'. Those who have much power in their hands tend to be the victims of corruption. Albeit the respect and honour in their presence, different people like head of the political parties and different heads practice corrupted acts. Political parties may tend to many groups and people with money just to get their votes. Hence, with the evil and greed present in the people, they put

their votes on the money-providers thereby making wrong accusations. Also, if the Chief Minister or President of a state or country promises certain amendments on the people but fails to fulfill it, it can be considered corruption. Women's vote and the position of women in society is an important aspect of corruption. In some countries, women are not allowed to vote and in some poorer countries, their position in society is next to nothing. The political world is also as corrupt as the society.

There may be way or remedies where corruption can be put in check and decreased to a certain rate. The Government intervention on certain corrupted acts can withdraw the evil and kill the green-monster inside.

Also, lawyers can increase the rates of punishment drawn to certain people caught being corrupted in court. As bribery is the most common form of corruption, certain police teams and the FBI can investigate further in suspicious places. To conclude, every individual must try and fight the corruption, and not be corrupted themselves.

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