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CORRUPTION AND ITS IMPACT ON SOCIETY

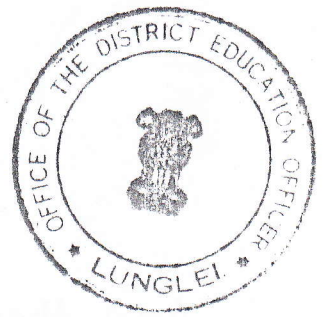
Ever since the creation of life and other abiotic components, one of the most dreadful thing that has destroyed and blocked the development of countries is a one worded culprit "Corruption". ~~Corruption~~ The word "corruption" has been derived from a latin verb, "corruptus" which means "to break". Literally it would mean "a broken object". Many definitions has been given to define corruption. The United Nations Manual on Anti-corruption, The Transparency Internationals and some multilateral financial institutions such as the World Bank defined corruption as, "abuse of public office for private gains". This definition is clear enough to understand the meaning of corruption.

Corruption now has become a global major issue and it has adversely effect the economical development of a country. It creates a sense of insecurity in the country and it exacerbates poverty to a high level. It also bring a sense of hopelessness and despondency and ~~therefore~~ pose a threat to the strength of good values and integrity which has been established over centuries of civilised struggle.

In simple words, corruption is the misuse of entrusted power for private benefits. We have different kinds of corruption such as illegal qualifications, bribery, extortions, abuse of office, fraud, cheating and criminal breach of trust, as mentioned in the National Accountability Ordinance 1999 (Annex A)

Many cases of corruption have been occurring in our state. Recently, a bunch of workers of the Public Works Department at Chhialtlang have been accused of corrupting department money which is approximately 545 lakhs.

Needs and greeds have ~~bea~~ been cited as the root of corruption. Corruption extended it roots even at the childhood level. Many parents aren't even aware of the fact that pushing their children to apply for scholarships even when their annual income exceeds the ~~upper limit~~ ~~of the~~ ~~money~~ maximum income level of the scholarship, is a kind of corruption, a very bad type of corruption. And it is also a step of teaching their children to become corrupted.



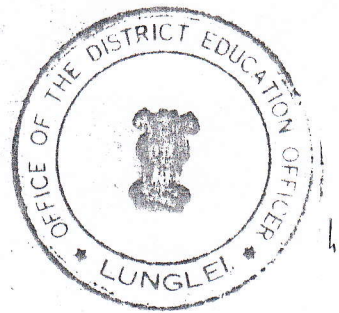
Corruption has effected the society to a very great extent. The first victim of corruption is the corrupted individual himself. A corrupted person no longer has his dignity and integrity, the society does not respect him anymore. In fact, he is treated as a very low standard person. It also affect him spiritually. The Bible does not allow any kind of corruption. Corruption is completely against God and it is born out of evil. A corrupted person can never enter the gates of heaven.

Secondly, the family in which the corrupted person dwell is effected by corruption. A corrupted family can never be a happy family. A corrupted person may be rich, but true happiness is never found in him and his family. According to a survey done by Padma Shree RK Lalhluna, 95% of corrupted families have a black sheep in their family, which seems quite true. In a corrupted family, there is always a person, whom the family have to deal with because of his bad ways. So, a corrupted family can never be a happy family.

And then, from individual to families come the society, ^{we} ~~the~~ human beings cannot live by ~~our~~ our own. We all need someone to lean on and let take our wheel when the road gets tough. We all are dependent on each other for our survival. Corruption is a major wall that prevents all these from happening.

The blacksheep from the family is a menace for the society. He creates problems in the society which harm the societal harmony. Societies are insecure and despondent because of these people.

In the society, we elect people to guide us and represent our society. But if these people, like the Village Council members are corrupted, the society is greatly ~~also~~ affected. A corrupted society can never be a peaceful harmony. Corruption eats away all the development meant for the society. And hence the society remain under developed. Road conditions are bad and bumpy. Public waiting sheds are in bad condition and the public urinals are bad beyond imagination.



The Government of India has implemented a ~~them~~ scheme called National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) in which members of the society get paid after doing social works for the society. But then, sometimes we work for two days and get paid for ten days. This is also a kind of corruption. Why should we take money and get paid for the works that we did not do?..

Societal corruption leads to under-developed society which ultimately results in national under-development. This increases poverty in the country. And poverty again affects the society. So there is this circle of corruption.

If corruption doesn't end quickly, our state, our country will soon lose its dignity and integrity and we shall be mocked by the developed countries. Corruption is the greatest enemy of a developing country.!

Developments meant for some villages are found? the houses of the concerned contractors and ministers. Now a days, it is very difficult to get a

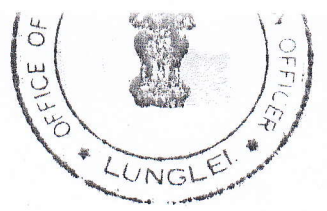
job without bribing the higher authorities with a pretty ~~big~~ sum of money. Government offices cannot be dealt with easily unless they are given money for their noon_lunch.

It is the responsibility of each and every citizen to protest corruption. Various Non-Governmental Organisations have been set up to fight corruption.

In Mizoram, ~~the~~ PRISM are the corruption watchdog. They investigate workers who are accused of corruption and try their best to let the truth prevail.

The Government has also amended various anti-corruption act to prevent corruption and punish corrupted workers. It has exercise these laws many a times to prevent corruption.

▸ We the citizen should take effective steps too. Starting at the "conversion process", we should vote for the country, not for ~~ourselves~~ ourselves or the party. We should vote for the person whom we think is best for the state and the country. Immoral vote has created problems in our country.



Voting for one person just because he is our relative / party expecting benefits from them later is a way of opening doors to corruption.

But the most important thing of all is the individual level. We all must try our best to keep ourselves away from corruption. Individually, if we all try to be honest and maintain our dignity and integrity, then corruption will surely be kick out into the outer space. So, we all are important in this fight, to ~~stop~~ ^{eradicate} this menace that has been eating up our society and killing it. Then, our society will, ^{for} sure be peaceful, harmony and corruption-free.