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CORRUPTION IN PUBLIC LIFE

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Corruption

- ❖ Corruption refers to the **act of misuse and abuse of power** especially by those in the government for personal gains either **pecuniary** or a **favor**.
- ❖ The menace of corruption is **pervasive in India**, from petty bribes demand by the policemen to **multi-crore scams** at the **highest political level** like **2G scam**.
- ❖ More than **50% people** in India have accepted giving bribes while **accessing public services**.

Reason for corruption in India:

- **Political:**
 - ◆ Use of black money in elections
 - ◆ Criminalization of politics
 - ◆ Crony capitalism
- **Economic:**
 - ◆ The High share of informal sector
 - ◆ Ease of doing business
 - ◆ High inequalities
- **Administrative:**
 - ◆ Criminalization of politics and politicization of bureaucracy
 - ◆ Colonial bureaucracy
 - ◆ Failed reforms
 - ◆ Low wages
 - ◆ Judicial failure
- **Social and Ethical**
 - ◆ Changes in lifestyle
 - ◆ Social discrimination
 - ◆ Failure of education system

Measures taken by the government to tackle corruption:

- ◆ Prevention of corruption Act 1988
- ◆ Benami Property Act 1988
- ◆ Central Vigilance commission Act 2003
- ◆ Right to Information Act 2005
- ◆ Whistleblower protection Act 2014
- ◆ Lokpal and Lokayukta Act 2013

