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Corruption rate in India is double of global average

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LONDON: Corruption in India has reached an all-time high with rates being exactly double of the global prevalence.

Globally, 27% people say they paid bribe when accessing public services and institutions in the last 12 months.

In India however, the number of people who did the same was 54% - over 1 in two citizens.

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Political parties have been found to be the most corrupt institution in India with a corruption rate as high as 4.4 on a scale of 5 (1 being least corrupt rate and 5 being highest).

The highest amount of bribe however was collected by the police - 62% followed by those involved in registry and permit (61%), educational institutions (48%), land services (38%). India's judiciary has also been found guilty - 36% involved in bribes.

Cynicism about a corruption free future is wide spread among the Indian public with 45% people saying they don't think common man can make a difference.

On the other hand, around 34% people (1 in 3) said they wouldn't report corruption while facing it.

These are the findings of the Global Corruption Barometer 2013 - a survey of 1.14 lakh people in 107 countries released on Tuesday.

The index found that corruption is widespread globally, with 27% of respondents (1 in 4 people) having paid a bribe when accessing public services and institutions in the last 12 months, revealing no improvement from previous surveys.

More than one person in two thinks corruption has worsened in the last two years

Public institutions entrusted to protect people suffer the worst levels of bribery. Among the eight services evaluated, the police and the judiciary are seen as the two most bribery prone globally.

An estimated 31% of people who came into contact with the police report having paid a bribe. For those interacting with the judiciary, the share is 24%.

The democratic pillars of societies are viewed as the most corrupt. Around the world, political parties, the driving force of democracies, are perceived to be the most corrupt institution.

People surveyed regard corruption in their country as more than just paying bribes: almost two out of three people believe that personal contacts and relationships help to get things done in the public sector in their country.

Powerful groups rather than the public good are judged to be driving government actions.

More than one in two people (54%) think their government is largely or entirely run by groups

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acting in their own interests rather than for the benefit of the citizens.

Nearly 9 in 10 surveyed say they would act against corruption.

The majority of people said that they would be willing to speak up and report an incident of corruption. Two-thirds of those asked to pay a bribe say they refused.

"Bribe paying levels remain very high worldwide, but people believe they have the power to stop corruption and the number of those willing to combat the abuse of power, secret dealings and bribery is significant," said [Huguette Labelle](#), the chair of Transparency International.

The Global Corruption Barometer 2013 also found that in too many countries the institutions people rely on to fight corruption and other crime are themselves not trusted.

Around 36 countries view police as the most corrupt, and in those countries an average of 53% of people had been asked to pay a bribe to the police.

Around 20 countries view the judiciary as the most corrupt, and in those countries an average of 30% of the people who had come in contact with the judicial systems had been asked to pay a bribe.

"Governments need to take this cry against corruption from their citizenry seriously and respond with concrete action to elevate transparency and accountability," Labelle said. "Strong leadership is needed from the G20 governments in particular. In the 17 countries surveyed in the G20, 59% of respondents said their government is not doing a good job at fighting corruption."

The Barometer shows a crisis of trust in politics and real concern about the capacity of those institutions responsible for bringing criminals to justice.

In 51 countries around the world political parties are seen as the most corrupt institution. 55% of respondents think government is run by special interests.

Around the world, people's appraisal of their leaders' efforts to stop corruption is worse than before the financial crisis began in 2008, when 31% said their government's efforts to fight corruption were effective. This year it fell to 22 per cent.

"Governments need to make sure that there are strong, independent and well-resourced institutions to prevent and redress corruption. Too many people are harmed when these core institutions and basic services are undermined by the scourge of corruption," Labelle added.

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And then india will become shining example of crimes. Are you crazy?

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only solution MODI AS PM other wise india will be horrible. come out for modi to vote.open your eyes.during last nda time 1. cylinder were easily available 2. road connectivity was improved 3. gdp was flourishing etc but in congress only gimmick with data sheet to show inflation controled.

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World knew only now! We Indians are already submerged in corruption due to which other than breathing, there is heavy tax on anything everything. So, inflation, price-rise etc. is already burning Indians

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Mr Clean presides over the mountain of Indian corruption. He should be conferred the Corruption Ratna for his great disservice to the country.

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There is a saying, if you are not part of the solution (especially public official) you are part of the problem. So Mr. Clean is part of the problem.

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About 46% Indians are lvindo if they sav they have never paid bribes in anv form.

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Corruption and good governance must be the poll issues rather than who can give freebies, who can give more reservations, who is anti-minority or pro-minority etc etc.

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Kings have gone but new dynasties are coming up. Kings have gone but our corrupt democratic system is evolving into new dynasties with Nehru dynasty that amassed vast wealth and resources as the King and the other families as satellites (for e.g., Mulayam, Lalu, YSR, Karunanidhi, Dev Gowda's, NTR's, Chautala's etc. The pattern of corruption is started by Indira Gandhi, who openly patronized corruption as common in the world

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will our political masters project this news or report, at there add-camping !!

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India may constitute a new award before elections by the name of " Jawaharlal Nehru / Gandhi Parivaar Mahan Corruption Chor Shree Award" . First award is posthumously awarded to Sri Rajiv Gandhi, collected by his imported wife.....!!!!

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And joint OSCAR goes to Sri Mahan MMS / Sonia / Rahul..!! Well done, chors..oh..not chors, but Super Chors..!! At least some where India is having fantastic growth..!! Now, next level to achieve is Selling the Country..!!! Will distribute laddoos, once you achieve this level..!!! It will be the level no other country can achieve..!! You will be the Ultimate..!!!

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Corruption is the sole reason all elections so far have been fought on the issues of poverty, drinking water & electricity. India, under Congress mindset, has never made any attempts to get over these issues. Education, Health & Justice for all are the real issues which will not eradicate poverty but put India on the highway to progress. Giving free food doesn't really help.

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54% Indians paid bribes. All these 54% of India is guilty.. there is no difference between briber and payer because both wants their work done. This show the morality of Indian society.. Shame on us where majority of the people do not think twice to pay bribes.

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they are to pay as they dont have a option.. if you are not a son of corrupt politician or officer then you can not say like that.. if you take your mom to a govt. hospital(If you have ever visited!!!) and you find you are to pay some money to get a bed.. what will you do if you cant afford private one.. It is as simple as that.. If you dont pay bribe to govt office they will make you revisiting the same office on a baseless reason like officer is not there.. or this mistake..that mistake.... if you work in a private sector you wont have the luxury of bunking office.. else you will kicked out of the job.. so if you are not a influential person or relative of such.. you cant make a short cut except paying bribe.. I have been to other countries and I saw.. how quick govt offices are..

but here for a simple work..... so normal people they pay as because they do not have other option.. no bobody likes to pay their hard own money as bride.. this is only because they dont have option..

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When congress is leading things can be worse than this Vote for Modi to see corruption free India

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