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## FEATURING GROW WITH NATURE



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# A BRAVE NEW WORLD

The party reached the end  
They bid that time for good bye!  
Wings of the bird extended  
Flying high in the crimson sky,  
Head of the sunflower beside!  
Bade Good bye to her mother aside!



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The wind lulls her in her westward slumber  
As I slumber on the laps of my mother  
In hopes of waking up once again  
In the hopes of seeing a brave new world!

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# EPIPHANY

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Oh God ! Oh God!

How grandeur is your creation- the world!

You've clothed the world with vast blue and

Sprawling green aprons- the heaven and earth!

The fauna and flora that you've filled with



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Seasons come and go

Birds sing and die;

Buds blossom and wither

All over the world.

If the created is awe- inspiring

How magnificent will the CREATOR be!

Oh God ! Oh God!

How grandeur is your creation- the world!





# SHOULDER OF FRIENDSHIP

Life is made of thorns and full of frowns but

Friends make us giggle

Failure is a trapping snare

But friends make us free

Even great ships sink but

Friendship never drown



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You may encounter a greater fear

Yet your peer makes your path clear

Don't you worry dear

Your comrade is near!

Disasters make you shiver

My shoulder is there for ever and ever!





# JOURNEY OF A FILM MAKER

Fiery fountain of thoughts

Erupting in the volcanic mind,

Fizzles out on a piece of paper;



No matter how small the spark is;

No matter how cheesy it is;

No matter how big or small your

Cast and crew be.

How film making is not

About the Who is Who

In front of the camera but

About visions beaming from the mind

Behind the camera!



# JOURNEY OF A FILM MAKER

Best films are those that reels out

From the real men and women of the world!

A film that lacks virtue

Is only a vicious dice!!!

Lights on, Start, camera –Action!



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# KINDRED SPIRITS

A friend is a life-line

Sans blood line.

A fellow traveller through the valley of ups and downs;

Unfathomable is his depth of loyalty

As his purity of friendship is my royalty.



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As blood flows through the veins-

As oxygen permeates the atmosphere!

Your presence prevails everywhere

Giving strength ad succour!

Friend in need is a life-line indeed.





# GOING DOWN THE MEMORY LANE

My train journey started  
With a story book  
Which I took!  
A little sunshine in the sky  
Makes me fly.



I was interrupted by  
The noise of the hawkers that  
Entertained my journey!  
The innocence of the  
Child nearby,  
Sweetened my bitter travel within!

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My childhood chugged by  
With the hoots and whistles of trains!  
The steam from the engine was  
So warm that it  
Softened the journey without.

# GOING DOWN THE MEMORY LANE



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A Journey without hope  
Is only a hype like  
A hive without honey!!!





# GROW WITH NATURE

Like pearls, tiny dew drops shower  
In the sky, the soft clouds that hover  
Hush, Hush other than the crickets everywhere  
And the ferocious wind that howl with a roar.



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With a gentle breeze the sun shows his face  
Feel his warmth as you gaze!  
Flowers bloom and smile  
Their odorous fragrance embraces all a while  
At the brook, it is a tingling water fall  
As the sun is awake, the birds begin to call  
O' mother nature, I have fallen in love with thee !  
Let me rest in your laps for ever and ever !

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## WALKS OF LIFE

In the running of years;  
When I lived unexpectedly, and  
There the miracle was – I was born  
Like a flower that bloomed out of the bud.



In the running of years;  
When I began to speak, and



In the running of years;  
In the lap of my lovely family  
Drenched I was- with showers of love unconditional  
With conditional naughtiness!

In the running of years;  
There I was in the bosom of mother- nature  
Cradled with lullaby of birds chirping  
Learned walk of the world!

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# WALKS OF LIFE

In the running of years;  
There I was contemplating  
The ways of the world



Manner of men

Course of life – was born I !

With an all seeing, all discerning inward eye!

The journey of my life...!!!

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# SHOWER OF RAIN

Rain, Rain come again

Your little drops make big ocean,

Your tiny dots fill little canals.

Many forms you appear,

Many births you take;

When you come people cry

When you don't people cry!

A rain of tears!



Your love unconditional makes you come

Our hate unconditional makes you cry

With you the world is within

Without you the world is without

You the life giver

Oh! Mighty Rain !

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## A TRIBUTE

What should I ask?

What should I do?

Should I ask her to cuddle me along her side?

Or



Should I cruise her to a lovely place with a ride?

Or

Should I pen a eulogy?

Or

Should I hand her a beautiful ring

But in the end

I whispered in her ears



It's not about "me" or "you"

It's about "us"-

A soul resting in two temples

A heart throbbing in two bodies

United we were in flesh and blood

As we are with life and death- mom

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# MY VISION – CORRUPTION FREE INDIA

*IF A COUNTRY IS TO BE FREE FROM CORRUPTION AND BECOME A NATION OF BEAUTIFUL MINDS, I STRONGLY FEEL THERE ARE THREE SOCIETAL MEMBERS WHO CAN BRING A DIFFERENCE. THEY ARE FATHER, MOTHER AND TEACHER*

*Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam*

**CORRUPTION** is a fraudulent act practiced by higher authorities of people in the form of bribe. We Indians have been going through corruption, due to which we suffer in our daily lives. We ought to live in a prosperous, free and clean, eternal, peaceful nation, which can be achieved only by abolishing corruption in our nation. In the month of August, 1942, we Indians brought a mission known as **QUIT INDIA mission**. It's main aim was to chase British out of our nation. But five years later; we could achieve that Quit India mission. Now 70 years later, Narendhra Modi has enchanted the mission known as Corruption Free India which will be achieved soon.



*Power doesn't corrupt people;  
People corrupt power*

# MY VISION – CORRUPTION FREE INDIA

My vision is to make a corruption free India. In my vision this can be achieved easily. It is in our hand, we have to take it as a challenge. French Revolution and Russian Revolution set out the best examples. It was only achieved, when people took it in their hands. In the same way, we Indians can also play an active role to curb corruption.

***“Corruption is worse than prostitution, the latter affects the moral of an individual, but the former affects the moral of whole nation”***

## ERADICATION OF CORRUPTION

Corruption can be eradicated from its root. Anti-corruption agencies can play a vital role to curb corruption. Government authorities can be watched in a regular basis. Media also plays a crucial role in eradicating corruption. We the people of India, should take this mission as a challenge and fight against corruption.

Awareness programmes can be implemented among people through various ways. Rallies and protest can be brought up in the public. Educational Institutions can conduct several competitions like essay writing, debate, poem writing, elocution to impart the moral values and the ways to curb corruption among the young minds of youth. Students can play a major role by creating awareness among their family and student friends.

***“CORRUPTION IS LIKE A SNOW BALL***

***IF IT IS SET INTO MOTION IT TENDS TO INCREASE”***

Our vision is to make corruption free India. We Indians should participate in this mission. We have to fight ruthlessly against corruption. “Our government is by the people, for the people, and the people”. So we the people who can change our government rules and punish the criminals.

This can be made mandatory among everyone.



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# MY VISION – CORRUPTION FREE INDIA

As the youth, I will work like a fire to eradicate corruption from the root. This has to be started from our home, school, institution, family and friends to impart an awareness.



## TODAY'S SCENERIO- THE BRIBERY WORLD

In today's world, if a work has to be done immediately, bribe plays a vital role. Poor people become the victim of corruption. People bribe and take part in fraudulent activities. Especially members of higher authorities, members of parliament, members of legislative assembly indulge in such fraudulent acts. Punishment should be made mandatory.

***“The world does not get destroyed by who cause the evil; but gets destroyed by the people who do nothing after watching it”***



We have to watch the crimes and several action should be taken regardless the authority. We the citizens of India can bring a change in this modern India.

# MY VISION – CORRUPTION FREE INDIA

To live in the happy world and to live with prosperity, we need to live in corruption free India. We ought to force the government to change and take steps regarding this issue. So let us all take this as a challenge and take steps to build corruption free India.



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***PEOPLE WHO CHANGE AFTER THE CHANGE, SURVIVE***

***PEOPLE WHO CHANGE WITH CHANGE, SUCCEED***

***PEOPLE WHO CAUSE THE CHANGE, LEAD***

***JAI HIND! JAI BHARATH***



# A DREAM – CORRUPTION FREE INDIA

India is a land rich in minerals and resources. But, have we ever thought that why still the poverty rate in India is not decreasing? Our inspiration Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam once said “Eradicating poverty is the first step in India becoming a developed nation before 2020 “. But why is the poverty rate increasing instead of decreasing? Here comes the concept of “Corruption”

So what is this corruption? It is any activity that disrupts the well-being of a nation. What can be done for India to become corruption free? I would like to share my views.

Firstly, I would surely blame the politicians of India. Accordingly to me, there must be an extra law in the Indian legislature stating that “Only educated people can become the leaders of the nation or a state “ Today, 80% of the politicians in the country are uneducated, which is a shame. Then how will there not be corruption? Only if the politicians are educated, they will understand the value of our country and take steps for its development instead of corruption.



# A DREAM – CORRUPTION FREE INDIA

Secondly, If would blame each and every one of us who brought these uneducated politicians into power. India is a democratic country. When we have the right to vote for anybody, then why note for uneducated people instead of well-educated people. If we ask a common man. “Why you voted for this particular party?” he will reply “I was given money by this party “. Here also corruption takes place. As it was rightly said in the Tamil movie, “Each and every penny you give more than the exact bill is corruption “. This must change; we must be the change.

Finally, I would specifically blame the youths of the nation. As of January 2017, India has the highest youth rate in the world. A country with high number of youths typically must be happy. Is that our nation happy? “No” To tell statistically India is in 147th place among the happiest countries in the world. Why is this? Again the answer is “Corruption”. Everybody her say that youth must involve in politics to make this corruption free? Saying “India is my country.....” every morning doesn't make you patriotic. Instead we have to work to make this nation a better place to live in. 'youths are the driving force for a nation's prosperity'. So when a country is full of rich and varied heritage is led by young people, automatically the nation will become corruption free.

If all these happen before 2020, I can guarantee that Dr.A.P.J.Ab-dulkalam's dream will be surely fulfilled. I hope and pray that each and every one of us should work towards “Corruption free India”.

***JAI HIND! JAI BHARATH***

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# ERADICATE CORRUPTION- BUILD NEW INDIA...

*IN THIS ERA OF INDUSTRIALISATION AND COMMERCIALISATION, INDIA HAS SCALED GREAT HEIGHTS OF SUCCESS IN TERMS OF ITS PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT. BUT HAS INDIA BEEN ABLE TO REMAIN CORRUPTION-FREE THROUGH ITS STRUGGLES TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS? INDIA IS A DEVELOPING NATION ENCOURAGING DIVERSIFICATION OF LAWS, CONSIDERING THAT ALL THE PEOPLE ARE ENTITLED TO THE RIGHT OF EQUALITY. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS UNLAWFUL ACT OF CORRUPTION HAS CAUSED OUR COUNTRY TO DEFY ITS MORAL VALUES.*

*“ THE WORLD WILL NOT BE DESTROYED BY EVIL, BUT BY THOSE WHO WATCH THEM WITHOUT DOING ANYTHING”*

*-ALBERT EINSTEIN*

Corruption is an unethical, social malice which has penetrated every single root of the Indian society causing it to decay on moral grounds. It has become so prevalent in India that it has actually led to the defamation of the country's image in front of the world's superpowers like the US, UK and Russia. Eradication of Corruption has, therefore undoubtedly, become the need of the hour.

## ***CORRUPTION CREATING HAVOC IN THE LIVES OF POOR***

Corruption has shaken the lives of millions to the bones and has not forgotten to leave a scar on the lives of the poor and the downtrodden. The well-off section of the society, practising this wrongful act of corruption, has caused an unequal distribution of wealth, concessions and provisions to the poor; creating a wider bridge between the rich and poor. The rich now become richer and the poor become poorer. Corruption, indeed, has caused the poor to suffer; leaving the rich to enjoy all the privileges.



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# ERADICATE CORRUPTION- BUILD NEW INDIA...

## *CORRUPTION IN THE EDUCATIONAL AND POLITICAL SECTOR*

Corruption has a major responsibility to take in the degradation of politics. The very purpose of forming a Government, framing the Indian constitution and appointing political leader is to serve the mankind, regardless of race, religion and financial background. But the field of politics has turned out to become a career option where the so called 'leaders', educated or uneducated, hope to make money at the expense of others. Some ill-minded politicians also intend to bribe the common man to cast vote in their favour. Unfair election systems and lack of supervision on the election procedures are the major reasons behind corruption and bribery.

Like once quoted, corruption is more like a tree whose branches are of immeasurable length and has not failed to plunge its branch into the educational sector, as well. The well-deserving, meritorious students who qualify for the seats of highly-revered institutions are often deprived of their rights in the name of the capitation fees. Sometimes seats are merely sold to the rich, unmindful of the struggles the meritorious students have gone through.



## CAUSES OF CORRUPTION

The different situations leading to the unlawful act of corruption has increased manifold over the last few decades. However, the Indian educational system must be given the foremost accountability. This system has actually failed to educate the students about the various rights and provisions they are entitled to and the need to defend the weaker sections of the society. The system has failed to create awareness among the people about the laws and corruption and corrupting. It has failed to circulate the beneficial Government-related schemes and informations to the remote villages.



Lack of vigilance at the local Government bodies and the tedious, never-ending court procedures should also be given accountability. The lack of supervision at the Government bodies has caused the authorities to practise corruption. Also, the people who enter the courts, hoping that they would be granted justice, find the court procedures tiring and endless.

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***“ Justice delayed is justice denied”***

Hence, they fall prey to the conception that they would never be granted the justice they deserve and eventually start practising corruption.



Lack of good pay to the Government officials and lack of acknowledgement of their good deeds can be viewed as a potential cause of corruption. It degrades one's confidence on the anti-corruption system and makes one fall prey to corruption.

The final and perhaps the most deadly cause of corruption is the lack of a transparent Government and professional accountability. In the absence of a transparent Government, it is quite easy for the ill-minded people to escape the clutches of law and most of the corruption activities will be foregone.

## ***SUGGESTIONS***

***Suggestions*** to eradicate corruption are many, which when followed stringently can yield the desired results. Improvising on the Indian educational system to incorporate information about the various laws, rights and provisions, and reorienting the educational system to inculcate a spirit of honesty in students can be of a great help. Implementation of stringent laws and assigning professional accountability to the political leaders if found guilty of corruption can also be a possible measure. Also, working on the transparency aspect of the Government, conducting free and fair elections and live telecasting of the vote-casting procedures through channels can be a major step towards eradicating corruption.



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It is also very crucial that only people of stable character occupy the top-notch of the hierarchy of the Government positions and services. Like Abraham Lincoln once said, "Nearly all men can stand adversities. But if you want to test a man's character, give him power." Also, implementation of effective supervision bodies to monitor the actions of the Government authorities and setting up of CCTVs at the local Government institutions can be considered as a possible measure.

### **Conclusion**

India has managed to eradicate smallpox and many other deadly diseases through the use of a powerful vaccine. As a citizen of India, I hope that India will, one day, be able to eradicate this wrongful act of corruption through the use of the powerful vaccine of a Transparent Government. Let us eradicate corruption and build a corruption-free India.

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