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In the integrity index of Transparency International, India stands very low. Discuss briefly the legal, political, social and cultural factors that have caused the decline of public morality in India.

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India and its neighborhood - relations.

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Corruption Perceptions Index

Transparency International's annual ranking of perceived public-sector corruption; India has often scored in the lower-middle band.

Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988

Principal criminal law on bribery of public servants; prosecution of serving officers needs prior sanction.

Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013

Created a national ombudsman after a long delay between statute and a working chair and bench.

ADR affidavit studies

Civil-society reading of candidate affidavits showing a high share of MPs and MLAs with criminal cases.

Right to Information Act, 2005

A legal counter to secrecy; attacks on RTI users show the social cost of asking for files.

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