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Parliament passes Constitution 124th Amendment Bill, 2019



Parliament has passed the **Constitution 124th (Amendment) Bill, 2019** with the **Rajya Sabha** approving it on 9th January. The Lok Sabha has already passed it on 8th January. The legislation provides for **10% reservation** in government jobs and

admission in educational institutions to economically backward people among upper castes.

PM launches Gangajal Project to Provide Better and More Assured Water Supply in Agra



The **Prime Minister** dedicated to the nation, **Gangajal project**, which will provide Agra with better and more assured water supply, at an estimated cost of **Rs.2880 crores**. Gangajal project aims to bring 140 cusecs of Ganga water to Agra. This will help meet the drinking water demands in

the city.

Women and Child Development Ministry launches “Web- Wonder Women” Campaign



The Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, has launched an online campaign, ‘#www : Web-Wonder Women’. The Campaign aims to discover and celebrate the exceptional achievements of women, who have been driving positive agenda of social change via social media.

Sikkim to become first state to roll out Universal Basic Income (UBI)



Sikkim will be the first state to roll out **Universal Basic Income (UBI)** and has started the process to introduce the unconditional direct cash transfer scheme. Sikkim’s ruling party, the Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF), has decided to include UBI in its manifesto ahead of the Assembly

election in 2019 and aims to implement the scheme by 2022.

Uttarakhand Govt. announces 5% reservation for orphanage children in govt jobs



Kaushik.

Children residing in the state-owned orphanages in **Uttarakhand** will get **five percent reservation** in government jobs in the Bharatiya Janata Party-ruled state, the cabinet decided on 9th January. As many as 1,000 children will benefit from the same, said Uttarakhand government spokesman Madan

7th edition of National Level Pollution Response Exercise held in Mumbai



The seventh edition of the **National Level Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-VII)** to validate and reinforce response mechanism for oil Pollution incidents and enable the Indian Coast Guard to fine tune the actions required in such eventualities was conducted on 9th January off Mumbai harbour.



Business



India's GDP expected to grow at 7.3% in 2018-19: World Bank



On 9th January 2019, **World Bank** projected **India's** GDP, expected to grow at 7.3% in the fiscal year 2018-19, and 7.5% in the following two years. The Bank said India will continue to be the fastest growing major economy in the world. In India, the growth has accelerated, driven by an upswing in consumption, and investment growth has firmed as

the effects of temporary factors wane, the World Bank said in its latest report.

India to become world's third largest consumer market by 2030: WEF



A report by **World Economic Forum** said that **India** is set to become the **world's third largest consumer market** behind only **USA and China** by 2030. The report said consumer spending in India is expected to grow from 1.5 trillion US dollar at present to six trillion US dollar by

2030. The report said that with the annual GDP growth rate of **7.5 percent**, India is currently the world's sixth largest economy.

World Economic Forum HQ: **Cologne, Switzerland**

India's GDP set to eclipse US' by 2030: Standard Chartered



On 08th January 2019, **Standard Chartered** released its long term forecast which states that **India** will surpass the **U.S** to become the **world's second largest economy by 2030** while China will be at First Position.

Standard Chartered HQ: **London**

NABARD through its venture capital entity NABVENTURES Ltd will provide early stage capital to agriculture and rural enterprises



On January 8, 2019, **NABVENTURES Ltd**, the venture capital entity incorporated by **NABARD** under the Companies Act, will launch its maiden early stage capital fund offer to **agriculture and rural enterprises**.

This would support the agriculture and rural enterprises and fill the gap of adequate institutional support to them.



MoUs

IRCTC tied up with Bharti AXA General insurance company to offer free travel insurance for air travelers



On 9th January 2019, **IRCTC** tied up with **Bharti AXA General insurance company** to provide free travel insurance to the air travelers. This insurance is applicable to only those who book ticket in the official website of air ticketing irctc, **IRCTC Air – air.irctc.co.in**.

AP signs MoU with Adani Group to set up World's first 100% renewable powered data centre park in Visakhapatnam



Diversified conglomerate **Adani group** will invest **Rs 70,000 crore** over the next 20 years to build solar powered **data centre parks** of up to 5 gigawatts in and around Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, its single largest investment till date.



Sports



Sharath Kamal wins record-breaking ninth national table tennis title



Veteran Sharath Kamal broke Kamlesh Mehta's long-standing record of most national titles by winning his ninth crown following a grueling final against India teammate G Sathiyan here on 9th January. An exciting final was on the cards with world number 30 taking on 31st ranked Sathiyan. And

what a final it turned out to be with Sharath securing it 4-3.

Egypt named as the hosts of 2019 Africa Cup of Nations



Egypt will host the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations, the Confederation of African Football (Caf) has announced. Egypt has just five months to prepare for the expanded 24-team finals, which kick off in June. It will be the fifth time Egypt, which won the tournament when it last hosted

in 2006, has staged the tournament.

Mohamed Salah: Liverpool and Egypt forward named Caf African Player of the Year



Aubameyang to the title.

Liverpool's Mohamed Salah is the 2018 Confederation of African Football Player of the Year - the second consecutive year he has won the award. Egypt forward Salah, 26, beat Liverpool team-mate Sadio Mane of Senegal and Arsenal and Gabon striker Pierre-Emerick