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## NATIONAL NEWS

- On January 16, 2020, the **Government of Assam, Government of India and World Bank signed 88 million USD agreement**. The agreement aims to modernize Assam's Ferry transport service on the Brahmaputra river.
  - **Related Keys**
    - Around 15 waterways are operating in Assam.
    - The IBP (India-Bangladesh Protocol), National Waterway-2 that was recently launched in November 2019.
- **People with disabilities** (PwDs) and people over **80 years** of age can now cast their vote in Delhi **Assembly Election through postal ballot**. For the first time, Delhi Metro, Northern Railway Employees and media persons covering polling can also use postal ballot facility to cast their votes.
  - Till now, voting through postal ballot was available to armed forces and those assigned in poll duties.
- On January 17, 2020, the International Conclave on "**Globalizing Indian Thought**" was held in **IIM, Kozhikode**. PM Modi addressed the conclave. The conclave aimed at revealing India's thoughts in becoming one of top three economies of the world.
  - India is stepping towards the goal of becoming a 5 trillion Dollar economy by 2025.
  - **Related Keys**
    - IIM, Kozhikode Director: Debashis Chatterjee
    - IIM, Kozhikode set up in 1996

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa** has **decided** that the **minimum daily wage of estate workers** will be **1000 rupees** with effect from 1st March. The decision came on eve of Thai Pongal as most of the estate workers are Tamils of Indian origin.
  - The workers have been demanding the 1000 rupee wage since past few years and held several protests during the previous government.
  - **Related News**
    - Sri Lanka Capitals: Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
    - Sri Lanka Currency: Sri Lankan rupee
- Recently, Henley **Passport Index** was **launched**. The index was launched based on the data collected from **International Air Transport Association** (IATA).
  - Japan has been holding top rank position for the past 3 years. India was in Rank 71 as the index was released in 2006.
  - **Related Keys**
    - UAE was the historic performer of Henley Passport Index 2020.
    - The Index is based on the number of destinations their holders can access without visa.

## WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Lampoon** - publicly criticize (someone or something) by using ridicule or irony.
  - Similar Words - mock , ridicule, make fun of
  - Antonyms - flattery , praise
  
- **Languor** - tiredness or inactivity.

- Similar Words - tiredness , torpor
- Antonyms - vigour

  
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