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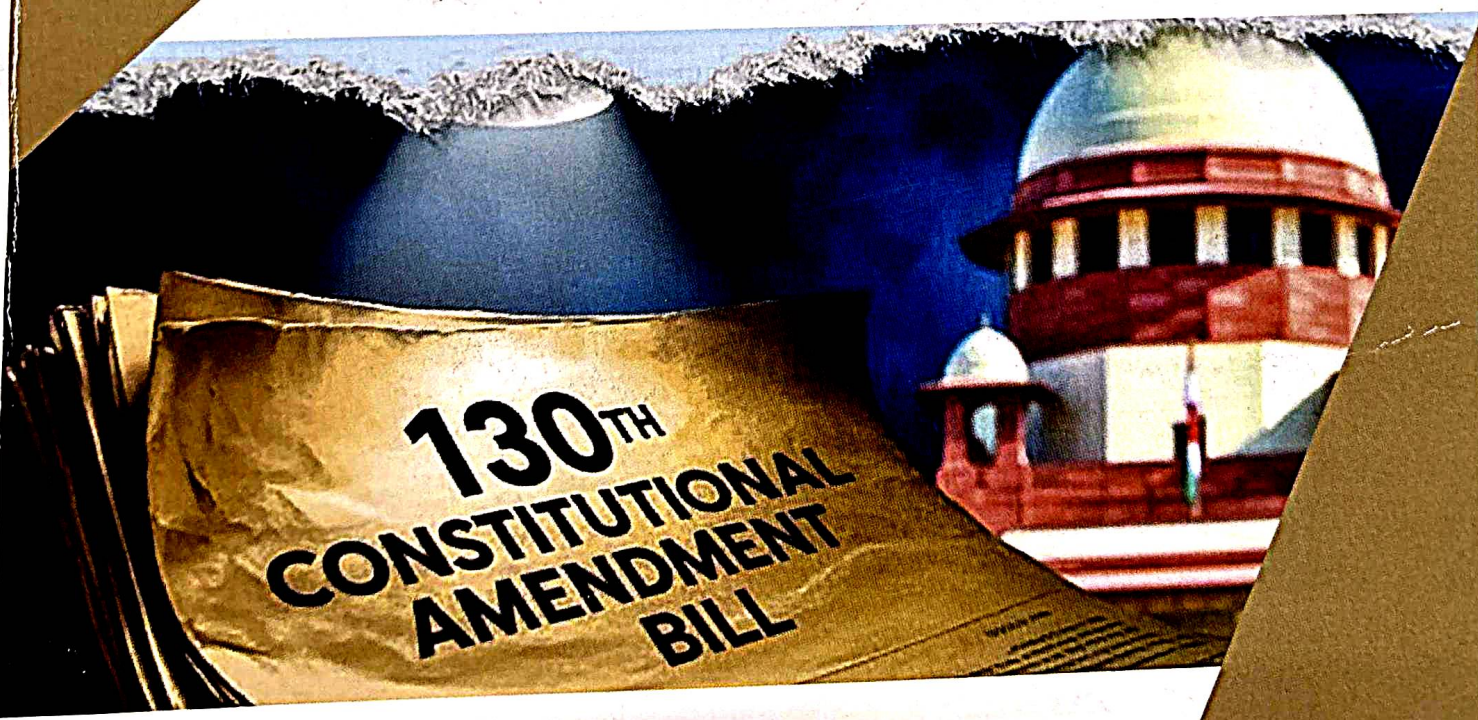
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Public Perceptions of Political Corruption and Constitutional Trust in the Wake of the 130th Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2025

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Abstract

The 130th Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2025 has emerged as a defining moment in India's democratic evolution, sparking nationwide debate on governance, political accountability, and constitutional morality. This paper examines how the Bill has influenced public perceptions of political corruption and trust in constitutional institutions. Employing a qualitative synthesis of media narratives, civic responses, and theoretical frameworks of democratic legitimacy, the study explores the interplay between reform, trust, and perception in contemporary India. Findings suggest a polarized public attitude while reform advocates view the Amendment as a mechanism for decentralization and institutional strengthening, critics see it as a politically motivated move that undermines constitutional transparency. The research highlights how digital media has amplified both engagement and misinformation, reshaping public discourse on democracy. Ultimately, this study argues that the Amendment's long-term impact will depend on the government's ability to rebuild constitutional trust through transparency, ethical governance, and civic participation. The paper concludes that the success of any constitutional reform in India lies not merely in legal enactment but in restoring citizens' faith in the moral integrity of democratic governance.

Key Words

Constitutional Amendment, Criminalisation of Politics, Institutional Accountability, Democratic Legitimacy, Constitutional Morality, Constitutional Amendment, Political Corruption

Introduction

The 130th Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2025, has become one of the most contentious legislative proposals in India's recent political history. The Bill, designed to improve administrative efficiency, encourage decentralization, and strengthen democratic accountability, has sparked extensive debate on its broader effects on governance and public trust. The 130th Amendment addresses issues fundamental to people's trust in the Constitution: transparency, political integrity, and the safeguarding of democratic norms. Unlike other amendments that mainly concentrated on structural or procedural adjustments. Consequently, it has evolved into not only a constitutional issue but also a national discourse over the extent of public trust in elected officials and governing bodies.

Public perceptions of political corruption in India have historically been linked to the nation's developing democratic trajectory. Although anti-corruption initiatives and policy reforms have intermittently fostered optimism, recurrent episodes of political malfeasance have frequently undermined trust in governance. In this context, the implementation of the 130th Amendment has been met with suspicion by many, especially those who perceive constitutional modifications as politically motivated rather than as authentic reform.

Simultaneously, a segment of the populace views the Bill as a progression toward enhancing democracy by amplifying local and regional voices in the constitutional process. These divergent perspectives illustrate a populace that is simultaneously optimistic and apprehensive yearning for transformation yet sceptical of the organizations advocating it.

Constitutional reforms possess intrinsic symbolic and moral significance that transcends their formal language. They are perceived as manifestations of the government's dedication to maintaining the fundamental principles of the republic - justice, liberty, equality, and brotherhood. Consequently, popular trust in constitutional amendments relies not solely on the substance of the reform but also on the methodology of its introduction and communication. Transparency, inclusion, and equity are critical factors in determining whether

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