

# March 1 Current Affair 2018

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### State :

#### Tamilnadu :

##### **Veeranam water to Chennai stopped**

- Supply of water from Veeranam lake here to Chennai to meet the drinking water needs was stopped from Thursday owing to poor storage, a Public Works Department official said.
- The water level in the tank on Thursday stood at 2-3 feet as against its maximum of 47.50 feet, R.Govindaraj, Assistant Engineer, PWD told .

##### **Plea seeks construction of new bridge**

A public interest litigation petition filed before the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court has sought construction of a new bridge between Nambithalaivan Pattayam and Avaranthalai over Nambiyar river in Tirunelveli . The petitioner said the contractor who handled the project lacked in experience.

##### **TN Assembly Secretary retires**

Tamil Nadu Assembly Secretary K. Boopathy retired from service. Officials in the Speaker's office said an interim secretary had been finalised to fill the post till a case pending in the High Court regarding the new appointment is finalised .

##### **Former SC judge Ratnavel Pandian dead**

Former Supreme Court judge S. Ratnavel Pandian died due to cardiac arrest at his residence in Anna Nagar . He was 89 .

##### **Governor asks for Tamil anthem at event**

- At the 81st convocation of the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Governor Banwarilal Purohit asked students to sing Tamil Thaaai Vaazhthu on stage.

### Kerala :

##### **Transgenders march for their rights**

- Members of the transgender community staged a day-long hunger strike in front of the Secretariat on Wednesday to draw the government's attention to their grievances.
- They met Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and submitted a petition listing their demands to his office. The protest was inaugurated by transwoman Faisal Faisu

### **HC restraint on nurses' proposed strike from March 5**

- The Kerala High Court on march 1 restrained the State unit of the United Nurses Association (UNA) and its members from going ahead with the proposed indefinite strike from March 5.
- The interim order was passed by the court on march 1 on a writ petition filed by the Association of Healthcare Providers (India), Kerala State chapter

### **Karnataka :**

#### **Final electoral roll for Shivamogga dist. released**

- The final electoral roll of the district for the Assembly elections was released by Deputy Commissioner M. Lokesh at his office on Thursday in the presence of representatives of political parties.
- The final roll was published after the special summary revision exercise. The total electorate in the district is at 13,92,876 — 6,96,458 female and 6,96,418 male voters

#### **CM inaugurates first phase of Pavagada Solar Park**

- In the first phase, the solar park will produce 600 MW. A total of 2,300 farmers of Pavagada have leased out 13,000 acres of land at Rs.21,000 per acre per annum. This will help to boost the economic activities in the most backward taluk. Before the solar park was established, the land rates were around Rs. 25,000 per acre but now they have risen to Rs. 4-5 lakh

#### **Kolar taluk panchayat resolution against forest official**

- The Kolar taluk panchayat meeting has adopted a resolution against Range Forest Officer (RFO) Parimala for her failure to attend the meetings of the local body.

### **Andhra Pradesh :**

#### **Big data analytics the next big thing, says expert**

- students of the Amaravati campus of Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Mr. Liang said this sector was expected to witness an eight-fold growth by the year 2025.
- “We have a lot of opportunities to work in data science in the next 20 years. Students can focus on these technologies and work in any country across the world,” he said

### **IISER-Tirupati celebrates Science day**

- At Annamacharya Institute of Technology and Science (AITS), Sri Venkateswara University’s former dean (University development) Prof. O. Md. Hussain explained ‘Raman effect’ and its applications in various fields of science and technology. Principal C. Nadhamuni Reddy stressed on development of nanoscience and technology.

### **APSRTC bags two national awards**

- A.P. State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC) has bagged two national awards for highest performance in vehicle productivity in **Vijayawada** city and for achieving highest KMPL in Vijayawada area, said A. Venkateswara Rao, Transport Corporation’s Executive Director (Administration), in a statement

### **India :**

#### **CBI arrests PNB chief auditor**

The Central Bureau of Investigation on Wednesday arrested an internal chief auditor of Punjab National Bank in connection with the fraudulent transactions case, involving an amount close to \$2 billion.

#### **Foreign student intake in top institutions set to double**

If the Ministry of Human Resource Development has its way, about 15,000 foreign students will be studying in higher education institutions in India from the next session itself.

#### **Indians sent from UAE had no Islamic State links: Centre**

The family of the missing person informed the authorities. The police in the UAE traced him, and he boasted of working for the Islamic State. “However, investigators found no such link, and all of them were sent back,” the official said

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## **Holi: Colours of joy all over India**

The festival of colours is celebrated on the full moon day of Phalguna month in Hindu calendar. The festival signifies the arrival of spring, end of winter.

### **World :**

#### **No second phase for Leveson inquiry**

- The British government has been slammed for “capitulating” to “powerful allies” in the media, after abandoning plans for a second public inquiry into the media and its relationship with the police and planning to scrap legislation that required media organisations to pay the cost of libel cases.

#### **Putin boasts of new nuclear weapons “that can’t be intercepted”**

- Russia has tested an array of new strategic nuclear weapons that can’t be intercepted, President Vladimir Putin announced on March 1. He said the creation of the new weapons has made NATO’s U.S.-led missile defense “useless,” and means an effective end to what he described as Western efforts to stymie Russia’s development.

#### **Hope Hicks resigns as White House Communications Director**

- Hope Hicks, one of the closest aides of U.S. President Donald Trump, is resigning as the White House communications director. In a little over 13 months of this administration, Ms. Hicks is the fourth individual to quit the post.

#### **Taliban pour cold water on Afghan peace overtures**

- The Taliban on March 1 issued a cool response to proposals that they should begin peace talks with the Afghan government, a day after President Ashraf Ghani offered a pact to recognise the insurgents as a legitimate party in negotiations.

#### **Sri Lanka appoints members to special office on missing persons**

- Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena on Thursday appointed seven members to a special office set up for determining the status of all persons who went “missing” during the brutal civil war against the LTTE.

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### Business :

#### **Cabinet clears Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill**

- The Union Cabinet on March 1, 2018, approved a stringent Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill that provides for confiscation of assets even without conviction in cases where economic offenders flee the country, and paying the lenders by selling off the fugitive's properties. Such persons will be tried under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act .

#### **Automobile companies step on the gas in February**

- Market leader Maruti Suzuki on March 1 said it posted a growth of 14.2% in sales to more than 1.36 lakh units in February. The sales were driven by an almost 39% growth in compact segment cars, including Swift, Ignis, Celerio, Baleno, Dzire, Tour S, to 65,213 units. Sales of mini segment cars — Alto and WagonR— rose 2% while those of utility vehicles increased almost 14% .

### Sports :

#### **SA v Aus, 1st Test, Day 1: Smith, Warner make 50s**

- Captain Steve Smith and opener David Warner both scored fifties on Thursday as Australia reached 225 for five before poor light brought play to an early close on the opening day of the first Test against South Africa.

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