



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 19, 2026

TAMILNADU

- **TN Government Presents Rs 2.55 Lakh Crore Interim Budget for FY27**
- ✓ Thangam Thennarasu, Finance Minister of Tamil Nadu presented Rs 2.55 lakh crore interim budget for Financial Year 2026-27 in the state legislative assembly at Fort St. George, in Chennai, TN ahead of the state assembly election in April 2026.
- ✓ The total expenditure of the Government of TN is estimated to be Rs 4,67,264 crore in the Interim Budget, marking an increase of 7.30% over 2025-26 Revised Estimates.
- ✓ The interim budget also estimated the state's revenue expenditure is at Rs 3,93,272 crore. Rs 48,696.32 crore has been estimated as revenue deficit in Interim Budget.
- ✓ The state government allocated Rs 57,039 crore for the education sector, followed by urban development (Rs 35,773 crore), rural development (Rs 28,687 crore), health (Rs 22,090 crore) and highways (Rs 21,132 crore).
- ✓ Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) (Rs 1,943 crore), transport department (Rs 13,062 crore), tourism department (Rs 1,394 crore), Sports development (Rs.718 crore)

NATIONAL

- **Tamil-Brahmi Inscriptions Discovered in Egypt's Valley of the Kings**

- ✓ Archaeologists identified around 30 ancient inscriptions inside rock-cut royal tombs in Egypt's Valley of the Kings, a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage site.
 - ✓ About 20 of the identified inscriptions are in Tamil-Brahmi script, along with others in Sanskrit and Prakrit. Many of the inscription's date from the 1st to 3rd century Common Era (CE).
 - ✓ The inscriptions were documented by scholars including Professor Ingo Strauch, University of Lausanne (Switzerland) and Professor Charlotte Schmid, French School of Asian Studies.
 - ✓ They presented their work at an International Conference on Tamil Epigraphy in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- **First Indigenous Cadet Training Ship 'Krishna'**
- ✓ The first indigenously designed and built Cadet Training Ship 'Krishna (Yard 18003)' of the Indian Navy was launched at Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Shipbuilding facility at Kattupalli near Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
 - ✓ The newly inaugurated ship, the first of the three Cadet Training Ship under construction at M/s L&T, is named after River Krishna, India's 3rd longest river.
 - ✓ These ships are mainly designed to provide basic training to Naval cadets that will include seamanship, navigation drills, ship handling and practical exposure to life on board a navy vessel.

INTERNATIONAL

- **'Offshore Wind Task Force'**
- ✓ India-UK jointly launched the 'India-UK Offshore Wind Taskforce' along with the '4th India-UK Energy Dialogue' in New Delhi, aiming to fast-track the growth of India's offshore wind energy sector.
 - ✓ The task force has been constituted under the India-UK Vision 2035.
 - ✓ Gujarat and Tamil Nadu have been earmarked for early development projects, paving the way for accelerated deployment of renewable energy capacity in India.
 - ✓ Allocated Rs 7,453 crore to support early-stage offshore wind projects.
 - ✓ The collaboration is structured around three key pillars: Ecosystem Planning, Infrastructure Development and Financing Framework.

CONFERENCES/ MEETINGS/ SUMMITS

➤ **2nd AI Summit Held in New Delhi**

- ✓ The 2nd India-AI Impact Summit 2026 commenced on 16 February 2026 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, Delhi, where Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated the India AI Impact Expo 2026, marking the start of the five-day global summit (16-20 February 2026) as the first major Artificial Intelligence (AI) event hosted in the Global South.
- ✓ The summit is organized by the MeitY in collaboration with the National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM), National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog, and various academic institutions.
- ✓ The summit was guided by three foundational Sutras: People, Planet and Progress.

➤ **23rd Edition BioAsia 2026**

- ✓ 23rd edition of BioAsia 2026, Asia's premier life sciences and health-tech forum held at the HITEX (Hyderabad International Trade Exposition Limited) Exhibition Centre in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- ✓ The two-day global summit, held on 17-18 February 2026, highlighted Telangana's emergence as a key hub for TechBio, biotechnology, and advanced healthcare innovation.
- ✓ The theme of BioAsia 2026 was "TechBio Unleashed - AI, Automation and the Biology Revolution."
- ✓ The summit was organised by the Government of Telangana, with Hyderabad as the permanent host city, globally recognised as the "Vaccine Capital of the World" contributing nearly one-third of global vaccine production.

