



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 03, 2026

TAMILNADU

➤ Pennaiyar River Water Tribunal

- ✓ The Supreme Court of India intervened in the long-standing Pennaiyar river dispute between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka on 2 February 2026, directing the Union government to set up a dedicated water disputes tribunal within a month.
- ✓ The Pennaiyar river, flowing through both states, has been at the centre of conflict due to Karnataka's construction of check dams and diversion structures, which Tamil Nadu contends reduce downstream water flow and violate the 1892 agreement.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu approached the Supreme Court in 2018, asserting that interstate river waters are national assets and unilateral actions breach federal norms.
- ✓ The apex court's directive relies on Article 262 of the Constitution and the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956, underscoring the tribunal mechanism for resolving such disputes and highlighting the judiciary's role in preserving cooperative federalism.

NATIONAL

➤ Migration Survey of National Statistics Office

- ✓ The National Statistics Office will conduct a nationwide Survey on Migration from July 2026 to June 2027.

- ✓ It aims to capture rural-urban, inter-state, seasonal, and return migration, along with reasons and employment profiles.
- ✓ The survey will provide comprehensive data to guide urban planning, housing, transport, employment, and social protection policies.
- ✓ Special focus will be on temporary and circular migration, helping policymakers design evidence-based interventions for balanced regional development.

INTERNATIONAL

- **United States and India Reach to Trade Deal, Tariffs Reduced to 18%**
- ✓ U.S. President Donald Trump announced that the United States and India have reached a trade deal following a call with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ✓ The agreement includes an immediate reduction of U.S. reciprocal tariffs on Indian goods from 25% to 18%.
- ✓ Trump claimed India would lower tariffs and non-tariff barriers on U.S. products and significantly increase imports, including energy purchases.
- ✓ While PM Modi welcomed the tariff cut, detailed legal commitments and long-term implications are yet to be officially clarified.

STATE

- **Pilloo AI**
- ✓ Andhra Pradesh launched Pilloo AI on 2 February 2026, a voice-based billing and accounting app aimed at simplifying financial management for small businesses.
- ✓ The AI-powered tool allows users to create invoices, record transactions and generate reports simply by speaking in their native language.
- ✓ Supporting multiple Indian languages, it reduces dependence on accountants and complex software for MSMEs.
- ✓ The initiative reflects the state's push to use technology for transparency, ease of business and MSME digitisation.

DEFENCE

- **Exercise KHANJAR-XIII**
- ✓ From 4 to 17 February 2026, India and Kyrgyzstan will conduct the 13th edition of Exercise KHANJAR at Misamari, Assam.
- ✓ The joint drill involves elite Special Forces, focusing on counter-terrorism, urban warfare, and advanced tactical operations.
- ✓ Started in 2011, KHANJAR enhances interoperability, trust, and knowledge-sharing between the two militaries.
- ✓ The exercise underscores the strategic partnership, preparing forces for modern combat challenges and multinational or UN-mandated operations.

AWARDS & HONOURS

- **Crafoord Prize 2026**
- ✓ Indian-origin scientist Veerabhadran Ramanathan has been awarded the Crafoord Prize, often called the “Nobel of Geosciences,” for his groundbreaking climate research.
- ✓ His work proved that gases like CFCs, methane and nitrous oxide play a major role in global warming, beyond carbon dioxide alone.
- ✓ His discoveries reshaped climate science and influenced global policies, including the Montreal Protocol.
- ✓ The award recognises his lifelong contribution to understanding climate change and protecting the planet through science.

SPORTS

- **Elena Rybakina Wins Australian Open 2026**
- ✓ Elena Rybakina defeated World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka to win the Australian Open 2026 women's singles title.
- ✓ This victory marked Rybakina's second Grand Slam title, after her earlier triumph at Wimbledon 2022.
- ✓ Elena Rybakina is a Russian-born Kazakhstani professional tennis player, while runner-up Aryna Sabalenka is a Belarusian professional tennis player.
- **Alcaraz defeats Djokovic to win first Australian Open**

- ✓ Carlos Alcaraz defeated Novak Djokovic in the men's singles final to win his first Australian Open title, making the match one of the most memorable finals in the tournament's history.
- ✓ Alcaraz became the youngest male player to complete a career Grand Slam and also the youngest to win seven Grand Slam titles.
- ✓ Novak Djokovic, who was aiming for a record-extending 25th Grand Slam title, fell short and is hopeful of another opportunity as he approaches 39 years of age.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Development Week - 1 to 7 February**
- ✓ International Development Week is observed annually from 1st to 7th February to highlight global efforts in sustainable development and international cooperation.
- ✓ The week aims to raise awareness about global development challenges, promote sustainable solutions, and encourage participation in initiatives that support economic, social, and environmental progress worldwide.

