



## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 02, 2026**

### **TAMILNADU**

- **Prime Minister Visit in Tamilnadu & Puducherry**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Tamil Nadu and Puducherry on March 1 to inaugurate and lay foundation stones of development projects worth over Rs 7,100 crore, spanning roads, rail, education, healthcare, and industrial infrastructure.
- ✓ In Puducherry, he is scheduled to inaugurate and dedicate to the nation projects worth over Rs 2,700 crore, including urban development, industrial expansion, water and sewerage projects, e-Bus services under PM e-Bus Seva, and housing for economically weaker sections.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Puducherry for laying the foundation stone for 74 projects – estimated to cost around ₹1,571 crore – and the inauguration of 19 completed works worth ₹1,142 crores under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) scheme.
- ✓ Modi will visit Madurai to inaugurate projects valued at over Rs 4,400 crore and lay foundation stones for two major national highway projects – four-laning of the Marakkanam-Puducherry section (NH-332A) by investing Rs 2,100 crore and the Paramakudi-Ramanathapuram (NH-87) section by investing Rs 1,800 crore.

### **NATIONAL**

- **India's GST Collections in February 2026**

- ✓ India's GST collections rose 8.1% year-on-year to ₹1.83 lakh crore in February 2026. FY26 gross GST revenue reached ₹20.27 lakh crore. Higher import revenues and steady domestic collections indicate sustained economic momentum.
- ✓ Total GST refunds for February stood at ₹22,595 crore and reflecting a 10.2% YoY increase.
- ✓ The government retained ₹1.61 lakh crore as net revenue for the month.

## STATE

### ➤ 'Mega Plantation Drive'

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh Sets New Guinness Record with Over 2.51 Lakh Saplings Planted in One Hour during the 'Mega Plantation Drive' held in the Sujabad Domari area of Varanasi.
- ✓ 20000 residents planted 2 lakh 51 thousand 446 saplings within just one hour, breaking China's eight-year-old record.
- ✓ In 2018, China's Henan Provincial Committee and Henan Shifange Greening Engineering Company set a world record by planting 1 lakh 53 thousand 981 saplings.
- ✓ A total of 27 native species have been included, such as Sheesham, Arjun, Teak, and Bamboo, along with fruit-bearing trees like Mango, Guava, and Papaya, and medicinal plants such as Ashwagandha, Shatavari, and Giloy.

