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TAKING INDO-CHINA TIES TO NEW HIGH
3 In a first of its kind initiative in India, Singapore's Victoria Cross Hospital (VKCH) in China which specialises in renal disease and diabetes has signed...

FEDERER POWERS PAST
6 Roger Federer defeated Rafael Nadal in a thrilling five-set match at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia who reached 136 for 3 on the first day of the first cricket Test here today...

AUSTRALIA LOSES EARLY WICKETS
7 India struck twice in two overs just before lunch to keep a tight leash on Australia who reached 136 for 3 on the first day of the first cricket Test here today...

ILAYARAJA-SPB AT LOYARAJA-SPB?
8 It seems the two great musicians, Raghunath and SP Balasubrahmanyan are not in good terms. The two combined together to rector...

New taxes nil, promises full

□ TN budget: Fresh roads in Chennai □ 3 Metro Rail routes □ Big allocations for education, transport, tourism

Highlights
• Rs 89,932 cr for school education
• Higher education department gets Rs 2,000 cr
• Rs 532 cr for MMBE sector
• Rs 600 cr for fisheries
• Multipurpose administration of Rs 13,000 cr
• Rs 174 cr for industrial land development
• Public department gets Rs 1,482 cr

NY Bureau
Chennai, Mar 16: The first budget of the government led by Chief Minister J Jayalalitha presented by Finance Minister J Jayalalitha in the Tamil Nadu Assembly today, did not have any new taxes. Despite the State facing a huge fiscal deficit, however, it had a list of new announcements covering

IN NUMBERS
Tamil Nadu Finance Minister J Jayalalitha presenting State budget for the year 2017-2018 to the Tamil Nadu Assembly today.

Planning panel goes
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TAMILNADU BUDGET 2017-18
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While the Rs 894 crore has been earmarked for judicial administration, the government of Tamil Nadu is launching an innovative programme for organizing small and marginal farmers into Farmer Producer Groups which will be leased into Farmer Producer Organizations to promote collective farming for overall mobilization, he said, adding that many measures would be initiated to boost farm production and to support the interests of farmers.

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TN's fiscal deficit at Rs 61,341 cr

□ TANGEDCO debt main reason □ Govt working hard to overcome it: Minister
Chennai, Mar 16: The State Assembly was today informed that the fiscal deficit of Tamil Nadu government for 2016-17 will be Rs 61,341 crore, which is 4.58 per cent of the gross state domestic product (GSDP).
Reading out his budget address, Finance Minister J Jayalalitha said that in 2016-17, the government has given specific authorization to meet the debt in the extent of Rs 2,815 crore, which has increased the fiscal deficit beyond Tamil Nadu's Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) target of 3 per cent of GSDP.
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the additional amount of the Tamil Nadu Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2003 will be introduced in the House in this session.
While the total revenue receipts (TRR) of the State has increased to Rs 1,39,383 crore in the Budget estimate for 2017-18, the Revenue Minister said that the TRR is estimated at Rs 1,75,293 crore, leaving the Revenue Deficit at Rs 10,910 crore, he added.
Jayalalitha said budget estimates have been presented in the assembly under constraints. The uncertainty in the domestic economy outside the State has also affected the State's economy. The government is working to overcome this and to reverse the economic downturn.

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Muthukrishnan cremated
□ Ministers, political leaders pay last respect
Chennai, Mar 16: Three days after his death, the body of Jaisankar Muthukrishnan (JMS) was cremated at the Muthukrishnan Memorial Crematorium in Siondy. A large gathering of ministers and political leaders paid their last respects to the late JMS. The cremation was held at 11.30 am. The body was brought to the crematorium from the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly. The cremation was held in the presence of the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalitha and other ministers. The cremation was held in the presence of the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalitha and other ministers.

Slippers hurried at Pomar
Chennai, Mar 16: The Tamil Nadu government has hurriedly ordered the purchase of slippers for the Chief Minister J Jayalalitha. The slippers were ordered from a private vendor. The slippers were ordered from a private vendor.

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New Delhi

Dr. K. Sridharan
Chancellor
Kalsalingam University
Tamil Nadu

Dr. Ishari K. Ganesh
Founder - Chancellor, Vels University
will preside over the function

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