

## Telugu poet K Siva Reddy selected for prestigious Saraswati Samman 2018

Telugu poet K Siva Reddy has been selected for the prestigious Saraswati Samman, 2018 for his collection of poetry titled **Pakkaki Ottigilite**. The award carries a cash prize of 15 lakh rupees, a citation and a plaque. The award, instituted by the KK Birla Foundation in 1991, is given annually for an outstanding literary work written in any Indian language and published during the last 10 years.

## Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu set to get fifth term

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is set to win re-election after his main rival former Army chief **Benny Gantz conceded defeat**. With more than 99 percent of votes counted, Netanyahu's Likud tied with Gantz's Blue and White, gaining 35 seats each.

## Algeria: Presidential election to be held in July

In Algeria, Presidential election will be held in July. This was announced by the presidency yesterday as protests continue against the ruling elite following veteran leader **Abdelaziz Bouteflika's resignation**.

## Cyclone Idai's death toll now above 1,000 in southern Africa

Cyclone Idai smashed into the coast of central Mozambique last month. Mozambique has reported 602 deaths while at least 59 people have died in Malawi. The death toll from the cyclone that ripped into southern Africa last month is now above 1,000.

## All India Football Federation President Praful Patel becomes 1st Indian to be elected as member of FIFA Executive Council

All India Football Federation president Praful Patel has become the first Indian to be elected as a member of the FIFA Executive Council. He got 38 out of 46 votes.

## SC Collegium recommends Justice Vikram Nath as First Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh HC

Supreme Court Collegium recommended that Allahabad High Court judge, Justice Vikram Nath appointed as the first Chief Justice of the recently constituted Andhra Pradesh High Court at Amaravati. The office of the Andhra Pradesh High Court Chief Justice has been lying vacant since the day of its inception. Justice Vikram Nath obtained his law degree in 1986.