

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 15, 2025

### TAMIL NADU

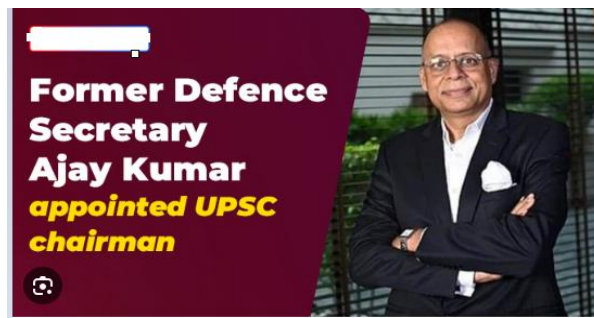
- **Tamil Nadu Tops Country in providing Composite Cylinder Connections**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu ranks first in the country in providing connections of composite liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders.



- ✓ With 1.06 lakh connections having been provided between April 2024 and March 2025 by the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) in Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ Over 60% of the 1.06 lakh connections were new customers, and the remaining were existing customers who had switched to the safer, light-weight option called Xtralite.

### APPOINTMENT

- **Ajay Kumar Appointed As UPSC Chairman**
- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Dr. Ajay Kumar as the Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission.



- ✓ According to an Order issued by the Department of Personnel and Training, Dr. Kumar's tenure will begin on the day he assumes charge as Chairman of the UPSC.
- ✓ Dr. Kumar is a retired Indian Administrative Service officer from the 1985 batch of the Kerala cadre. He previously served as the Defence Secretary from August 2019 to October 2022.

## AWARDS

- **Neeraj Chopra Honoured with Honorary Lt. Colonel Rank in Territorial Army**



- ✓ Olympic gold-winning javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has been awarded the honorary title of Lieutenant Colonel in the Territorial Army by the Indian Government, recognizing his outstanding athletic feats and national service.
- ✓ This recognition highlights his immense contribution to Indian athletics and his inspirational journey from a village in Haryana to becoming a national hero.
- ✓ This announcement strengthens the bond between India's sports icons.

## REPORT

- **Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report, 2021**
- ✓ Birth rates in Delhi, Kerala, and T.N. declining at twice the rate of national average.



- ✓ The annual crude birth rates (live births per 1,000 people in the population) in Tamil Nadu, Delhi and Kerala are declining at twice the rate of the national average, showed data from the Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report, 2021, released by the Registrar- General of India last week.
- ✓ The data showed that the all-India crude birth rate was 19.3 in 2021, dropping at a rate of 1.12% every year from 2016 to 2021.
- ✓ In comparison, in the same period, the birth rate in Tamil Nadu has been declining at a rate of 2.35% every year, Delhi's at a rate of 2.23% and Kerala's at 2.05%.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Day of Families: May 15**
- ✓ In 1993, the General Assembly decided in a resolution that 15 May of every year should be observed as The International Day of Families.



- ✓ This day aims to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase the knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting families.
- ✓ 2025 Theme: "Family-Oriented Policies for Sustainable Development: Towards the Second World Summit for Social Development."

