

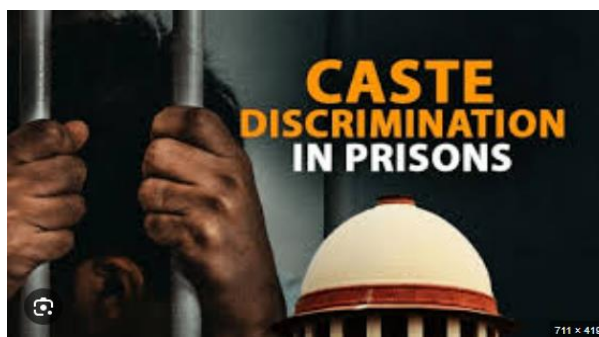
## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 20, 2025

### TAMIL NADU

- **Tamil Nadu's Endangered Species Conservation Fund Management Shift**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu has reallocated the management of its ₹50 crore Endangered Species Conservation Fund to the Advanced Institute for Wildlife Conservation (AIWC).



- ✓ This decision aims to expedite urgent conservation initiatives for endangered species, particularly the Malabar civet and Salim Ali's fruit bat.
  - ✓ The AIWC's proactive approach is anticipated to mitigate previous delays and inefficiencies.
  - ✓ By focusing on urgent conservation needs, the AIWC aims to ensure the survival of critically endangered species in Tamil Nadu.
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- **Tamil Nadu Government Amends Rules to Prohibit Caste Discrimination in Prisons**
  - ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has amended rules to prohibit caste-based discrimination in prisons and correctional institutions in the State.



- ✓ A sub-rule introduced in the Tamil Nadu Prison Rules, 2024, said manual scavenging or hazardous cleaning of a sewer or a septic tank inside a prison should not be undertaken, in line with the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013.
- ✓ At the time of admission of a prisoner, prison authorities should not enquire or obtain and record any details of the caste of the prisoner, according to the fresh sub-rule.

## ECONOMY

- **Tamil Nadu's Annual Credit Plan for 2025-26 fixed at ₹9 lakh crore**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu on Monday released the Annual Credit Plan (ACP) for the State for 2025-26, which has been fixed at ₹9 lakh crore.



- ✓ The Annual Credit Plan of ₹9,00,181 crore has been fixed under priority sector lending, an estimated growth of 21.12% over 2024-25, according to a release.
- ✓ Mr. Thennarasu lauded the banks in Tamil Nadu for their proactive approach in priority sector lending, especially in the sectors of agriculture and micro, small and medium enterprises, and in the implementation of government-sponsored schemes.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Bee Day – May 20**

- ✓ Every year on 20 May, the world celebrates World Bee Day to recognize the essential role of bees and other pollinators in sustaining ecosystems and food security.



- ✓ Established by the United Nations, this global observance aims to raise awareness about the threats pollinators face and promote actions to protect them.
- ✓ In 2025, the theme “Bee inspired by nature to nourish us all” emphasizes the connection between pollinators, agrifood systems, and biodiversity.

