

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 28, 2025

### TAMIL NADU

#### ➤ CM's Green Fellowship Programme

- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has launched the second phase of the Chief Minister's Green Fellowship Programme, inviting applications from young professionals.



- ✓ The fellowship aims to strengthen the State's climate initiatives by absorbing skilled individuals — Green Fellows — into key government departments.
- ✓ As outlined in a Government Order issued in 2022, their role includes rendering support in policy planning, monitoring green projects, engaging with local communities, and facilitating on-ground implementation of climate and sustainability programmes.

### COURT VERDICT

#### ➤ SC Ruling on Maternity Benefits in India

- ✓ The Supreme Court of India delivered a landmark ruling affirming the right to maternity benefits for a Tamil Nadu teacher despite her having two children.



- ✓ The case involved a teacher at a government higher secondary school in Tamil Nadu who sought maternity leave for her third child.
- ✓ Her request was initially granted by a single-judge bench but later overturned by a division bench of the Madras High Court.
- ✓ The Supreme Court intervened, stating that the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017 does not prohibit maternity leave for women with more than two children.
- ✓ This ruling sets precedent for maternity benefits in India, reinforcing the notion that women should not be penalised for having larger families.

## REPORT

### ➤ WMO's Climate Change Warning

- ✓ The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has issued a critical warning regarding climate change.



- ✓ A recent report indicates a 70% likelihood that global temperatures will exceed the 1.5°C threshold above pre-industrial levels between 2025 and 2029.
- ✓ The 1.5°C threshold was established at the Paris Agreement in 2015.
- ✓ Breaching this limit will lead to extreme weather events and ecological disruptions. The WMO report predicts that the annual average global near-surface

temperature from 2025 to 2029 will be between 1.2°C and 1.9°C higher than the 1850-1900 average.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### ➤ **World Hunger Day – May 28**

- ✓ Every year on May 28, World Hunger Day reminds the global community of the urgent need to address hunger and food insecurity, affecting over 800 million people worldwide.



- ✓ Founded in 2011 by The Hunger Project, this day goes beyond raising awareness—it calls for long-term, sustainable solutions that empower individuals and communities to break the cycle of poverty and hunger.

