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IMPORTANT NEWS: WORLD

Ranil Wickremesinghe Takes Charge as Sri Lanka's PM



Why in News?

- Recently Ranil Wickremesinghe took over the charge as Prime Minister of Sri Lanka.

Key Points:

- Wickremesinghe has been appointed as PM so as to sort out the ongoing crisis in Sri Lanka.
- He has, earlier as well, served as the PM of the country for five times.
- This is also seen as an attempt to restore international credibility as the country is negotiating with IMF for some monetary assistance.
- Earlier Mahinda Rajapaksa resigned from his post following to which the entire cabinet was dissolved.

Source: The Hindu

IMPORTANT NEWS: INDIA

Rajiv Kumar Appointed as new Chief Election Commissioner



Why in News?



- Recently Election Commissioner Shri Rajiv Kumar has been appointed as the Chief Election Commissioner of India.

Key Points:

- He will take over the office from 15th May.
- The 2024 general elections will be conducted under his supervision.
- Along with this he will also supervise the upcoming President and Vice President elections.
- He will replace Sushil Chandra as CEC.

About Election Commission of India:

- ECI is a Constitutional body having its provisions in Part –XV of Indian Constitution.
- It is a multi-member body which is appointed by the President of India.
- Its main function is to conduct free and fair elections in the country including that of Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, Vidhan Sabha, Vidhan Parishad, President and Vice President of India.

Source: PIB

Campbell Wilson to take charge as CEO of Air India:



Why in News?

- Recently Campbell Wilson has been appointed as the new CEO of the Indian Aviation giant Air India.

Key Points:

- Campbell Wilson has been serving as the Chief of Singapore based Scoot Airlines.
- This is an airlines known for its low cost world class service.
- Earlier Ilker Ayci was approached by the authorities to take over the charge.
- But after his refusal, Wilson’s name has been finalized.

Other Facts:

- Air India is a Tata Group Company.
- Earlier it was owned by Government of India.

Source: Times of India



Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya Holds Round Table Meeting With Top Hospitals



Why in News?

- Recently Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya addressed a round table meeting with Corporate Hoospitals.

Key Points:

- In his address to the hospitals Dr. Mandaviya urged to promote cost-effective high quality health care system in India.
- He further said that in this regard the Indian Corporate sector should take an observation of the existing global practices.
- Although he also suggested to make necessary modifications as per Indian conditions.
- He stressed on providing “Patient Friendly Affordable Health Institutions” in India.

Source: PIB

Allahabad High Court Rejects Plea to Open Doors of Taj Mahal



Why in News?

- Recently a Lucknow Bench of Allahabad High Court rejected a PIL filed to open 22 doors of Taj Mahal.

Key Points:

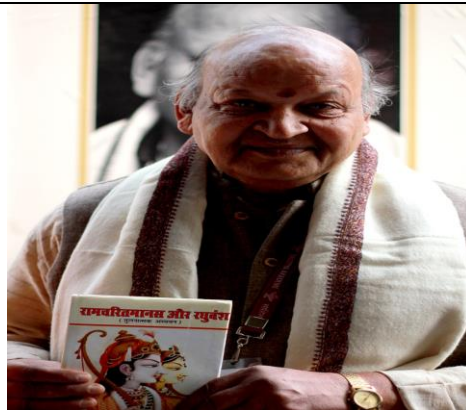
- A PIL was filed in this behalf by Rajneesh Singh.
- It was argued that Taj Mahal was historically a Shiv Temple over which mausoleum was built by Mughal ruler Shah Jahan.
- Rajneesh Singh filed a PIL in UP High Court to order an archaeological survey by opening 22 locked doors.

- The Lucknow Bench dismissed the petition saying that purpose of PIL is not fulfilled in this petition and the issue does not entertain Public Interest here.

Note: The concept of Public Interest Litigation was initiated by Justice P. N. Bhagwati of Supreme Court of India.

Source: Times of India.

Dr. Ramakant Shukla Passes Away



Why in News?

- Yesterday PM Modi shown his grief over the sadful demise of Dr. Ramakant Shukla.

Key Points

- Dr. Shukla was a renowned Sanskrit and Hindi scholar of India.
- Dr. Shukla was the resident of Uttar Pradesh.
- He was known for his literary contributions in the field of Sanskrit and Hindi.
- He was 81 years of age.
- He is known for his Sanskrit Television Series “Bhati Me Bharatam”.
- Dr. Shukla was awarded Padma Shri in 2013.

Source: PIB

IMPORTANT NEWS: SCIENCE

First Picture of Milky Way Black Hole

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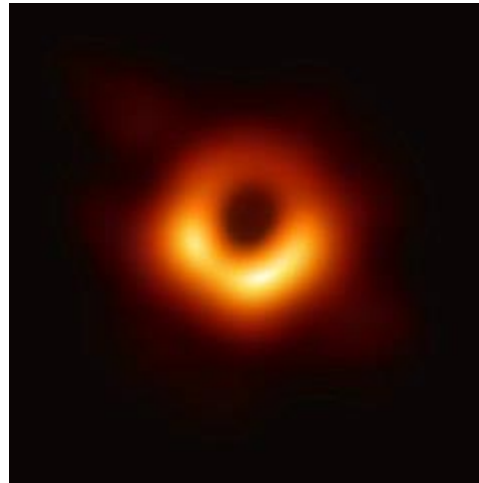
- Recently an international team known as Event Horizon Telescope(EHT) released an image of black hole of our milky way.

Key Points:

- This is a massive black hole whose size is estimated to be four million times that of our Sun.
- This Black Hole has been named as “Sagittarius A”.
- This black hole is situated about 26000 light years away from our solar system.
 - A light year is a unit of distance.



- One light year is equal to the distance travelled by light in one year.
- Prior to this discovery EHT also successfully pictured another black hole named as M87 in 2019.



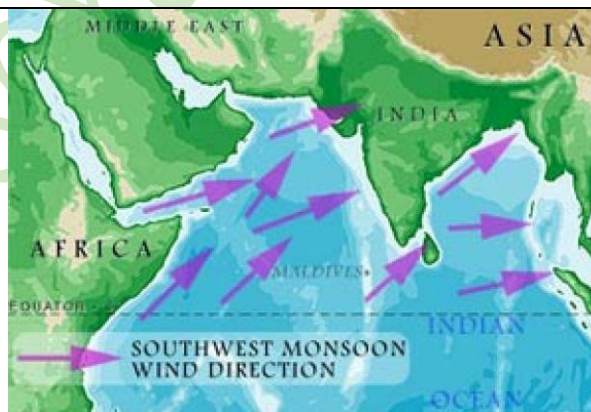
Note:

- A black hole is a remnant of giant star after it collapses.
- It has very intense gravity and very high mass density.
- Anything which comes in its contact is grasped by it never to escape.

Source: BBC

IMPORTANT NEWS: ENVIRONMENT

Early Arrival of South-west Monsoon



Why in News?

- Recently the Indian Meteorological Department briefed that the South West Monsoon may arrive earlier than expected this year.

Key Points:

- IMD said that the Bay of Bengal branch of Indian Monsoon will strike Andaman and Nicobar by 15th May.



- It is also expected that the Monsoon winds might strike Kerala by May 26.
- Normally the Indian Monsoon arrives at Kerala around 1st of June every year.
- It is 4 days earlier this year.

Other Facts:

- The Indian Monsoon is popularly referred to as the “Real Finance Minister of India” because of its widespread impact on Indian Economy.
- Indian Monsoon is the only rain system of the world which experiences “complete reversal” of wind system.
- In India maximum precipitation is concentrated in 4 months of the year.

Source: Times of India

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