

# Daily Current Affairs 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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**

## 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**

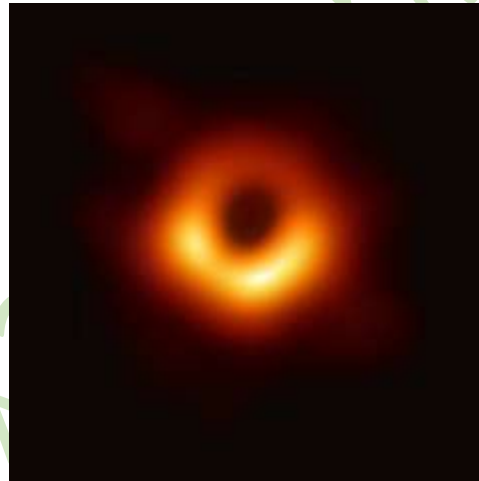
### **First Picture of Milky Way Black Hole**

#### **Why in News?**

- 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 15<sup>th</sup> May.
- It is also expected that the Monsoon winds might strike Kerala by May 26.
- Normally the Indian Monsoon arrives at Kerala around 1<sup>st</sup> 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**