

## **26 April 2018 Current Affairs**

### **World Press Freedom Index Report: India ranks 138th, Norway tops**

According to the 2018 World Press Freedom Index compiled by Reporters without Borders (RSF), India has ranked 138th (falling 2 positions down from 136th in 2017). The list has been topped by Norway. North Korea was at the bottom-most position (180th) in the list.

**The Top 3 countries in World Press Freedom Index Report are:**

1. Norway
2. Sweden
3. The Netherlands.

### **Egyptian journalist gets press freedom prize**

Egyptian photojournalist Mahmoud Abu Zeid won the 2018 Press Freedom Prize awarded by the United Nations cultural agency UNESCO.

### **Indu Malhotra, first senior woman advocate to become SC Judge**

In a first, senior advocate Indu Malhotra is set to become the first woman lawyer to be appointed as Supreme Court Judge. The Union Law Ministry has reportedly cleared her name for the position. With the decision, Malhotra will be the first woman lawyer to be directly appointed from the Bar as a Judge in the Apex Court.

## **Rivzi gets silver at ISSF World Cup**

Shahzar Rizvi clinched India's first medal at the ISSF World Cup, winning silver in the 10m air pistol event. Rizvi had won the gold medal in the ISSF World Cup in Guadalajara, Mexico in March. Russia clinched the gold medal while the bronze went to Bulgaria.

## **J & K cabinet gives nod to death penalty for Child rapists**

The Jammu and Kashmir government has approved an ordinance providing death penalty for the rape of children below 12 years of age. The Jammu and Kashmir Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018 and the Jammu and Kashmir Protection of Children from Sexual Violence Ordinance, 2018 were cleared by the State Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti in Jammu.

## **India to host Asian Weightlifting C'ships**

India will host the prestigious Asian Weightlifting Championship in 2019. The Championship was awarded to India at the Executive Board Meeting and Congress of the Asian Weightlifting Federation held on April 22 at Urgench, Uzbekistan.