

## **29 January 2019 Current Affairs**

### **Pakistan appoints first ever female Hindu civil judge**

Pakistan has appointed the country's first ever Hindu female civil judge after she passed an examination for induction of judicial officers. Suman Kumari, who hails from Qambar-Shahdadkot in Sindh province, will serve in her native district. Kumari passed her LL.B. examination from Hyderabad and did her masters in law from Karachi's Szabist University.

### **Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh appointed as Regional Director WHO SOUTH EAST Asia**

Dr. Poonam Khetrapal Singh appointed Regional Director for World Health Organization South-East Asia, for a second five-year term. Her second term of office. She is the first woman to become Regional Director of WHO South-East Asia Region Previous year, Thailand became the first in Asia-Pacific to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV and syphilis.

### **Global Corruption Index Released, India Ranks 78**

Transparency International has released the Global Corruption Index 2018. India rose by 3 points to 78 in the list of 180 countries in the world with a score of 41. China lagged far behind at 87 and Pakistan ranked 117. The top countries on the list are Denmark and New Zealand, with scores of 88 and 87. Somalia, Syria and South Sudan remained at the bottom, with scores of 10, 13 and 13.

### **India replaces Japan to be world's second largest steel producer**

India has replaced Japan as the world's second-largest steel producing country, only behind China, which is the largest producer of crude steel accounting for more than 51 per cent of production, as per the latest report by World Steel Association.

### **Odisha announces Jiban Sampark Project**

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has announced 'Jiban Sampark' project in partnership with UNICEF India to generate awareness about the development and welfare initiatives of state government among the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups of the state. The announcement was made after Patnaik inaugurated the annual tribal fair popularly known as 'Adivasi Mela'.

### **India bags the award of Excellence for Best in Show at NYTTS 2019**

India received the Award of Excellence for 'Best in Show' at the New York Times Travel Show 2019, the largest travel show in North America. India was honored during the Closing Bell Ceremony at the New York Stock Exchange. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India participated as the 'Presenting Partner' in the New York Times Travel Show (NYTTS 2019) organised at Jacob K Javits Centre, New York with a view to scale up its tourism promotional efforts in the US, enhance India's visibility and to increase its share of US Outbound travel market.

### **Saina Nehwal wins Indonesia Masters 2019**

Ace shuttler Saina Nehwal won her first Indonesia Masters title after three-time world champion Carolina Marin limped out of the final due to a leg injury. Marin was leading 10-4 in the first game at Jakarta when she developed an injury in the knee.

### **India ranks 54th in 'Bloomberg Innovation Index' of 60 Economies**

India has been ranked in Bloomberg's 2019 list of most innovative countries in the world – 2019 Bloomberg Innovation Index – for the first time ever.