

Dr Soumya Swaminathan

Deputy Director General, WHO

- For the first time an Indian doctor has been appointed as Deputy Director general of WHO which is the highest post held by an Indian doctor so far.
- Dr Swaminathan is the daughter of MS Swaminathan, a pioneer of green revolution and Mina Swawminathan an educationist.
- She was until now the Director General of ICMR and is known for her extensive research on Tb
- She studied from AFMC and AIIMS and trained in US and UK.
- She was part of the committee which drafted Surrogacy Bill. WHO has called her a globally recognized researcher on HIV and Tb who has worked to translate research into impact programs
- A proud moment for India