

India elected to the United Nations Statistical Commission

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In news– India has been elected to the UN Statistical Commission for a four-year term.

About the United Nations Statistical Commission-

- It is the **highest body of the global statistical system** bringing together the Chief Statisticians from member states from around the world.
- It was established in 1947.
- It is the **highest decision-making body for international statistical activities**, responsible for setting of statistical standards and the development of concepts and methods, including their implementation at the national and international level.
- **It oversees the work of the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and it is a Functional Commission of the UN Economic and Social Council.**
- **The Commission consists of 24 member countries** of the United Nations **elected by the United Nations Economic and Social Council on the basis of an equitable geographical distribution** according to the following pattern:
 - Five members from African States.
 - Four members from Asia-Pacific States.
 - Four members from Eastern European States.
 - Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States.
 - Seven members from Western European and other States.

- The term of office of members is four years.
- The officers of the Commission, also referred to as the Bureau, are the Chairman, 3 Vice-chairmen and the Rapporteur.
- **The current members from the Asia-Pacific States are** Japan (2024), Samoa (2024) as well as Kuwait and Republic of Korea, whose terms are ending in 2023.
- India secured an overwhelming 46 out of 53 votes. A second candidate is yet to be decided between South Korea and China for electing the remaining Asia Pacific States member.
- India was elected by secret ballot while Argentina, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Ukraine, the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States of America were elected by acclamation for a four-year term of office beginning January 1, 2024.