

# India joins UN ECOSOC

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**In news-** India has been elected to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), one of the six main organs of the United Nations, for the **2022-24 term**. It was elected in the **Asia-Pacific States category alongside Afghanistan, Kazakhstan and Oman**.

## **More information-**

- The UN Charter established ECOSOC in **1945** as one of the six main organs of the United Nations.
- It is headquartered in **New York, United States**.
- The Council consists of **54 Member States**, which are elected yearly by the General Assembly for overlapping three-year terms.
- Seats on the Council are **allocated ensuring equitable geographic rotation** among the UN regional groups.
- 14 seats are being allocated to the **African Group**, 11 to the **Asia-Pacific Group**, 6 to the **Eastern European Group**, 10 to the **Latin American and Caribbean Group** and 13 to the **Western European and Others Group**.
- It advances the **three dimensions** of sustainable development – economic, social and environmental.
- It serves as the **central forum for discussing international economic and social issues** and formulating policy recommendations addressed to member states and the United Nations system.
- The **president of the Council is elected for a one-year term** and chosen from the small or medium sized states represented on the Council at the beginning of each new session.
- The presidency rotates among the United Nations Regional Groups to ensure equal representation.
- Ambassador **Munir Akram of Pakistan** was elected as the seventy-sixth President on 23 July 2020.