



India to Chair WHO Executive Board

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World Health Organisation (WHO) Chairmanship one year (from May 2020- May 2021) Recently, India has been elected to the WHO's Executive Board. It will also be holding a seat on the Executive Board for the next

Japan. Currently, the chairmanship of the WHO Executive Board is being held by

Key Points

- **73rd World Health Assembly** The proposal to appoint India's nominee to the executive board was signed by the 194-nation at the between 18-19 May, 2020.
 - **three-year-term**
 - **6 WHO regions** WHO Member States are grouped into namely, African Region, Region of the Americas, South-East Asia Region, European Region, Eastern Mediterranean Region, and Western Pacific Region.
- In 2019, WHO's South-East Asia group had unanimously decided that India would be elected to the executive board for a beginning from May, 2020.

- India has been elected along with 10 other countries including Botswana, Colombia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Madagascar, Oman, Republic of Korea, Russia, and the United Kingdom.

WHO Executive Board

- **Composition: 34 individuals technically qualified in the field of health, three-year** Member States are elected for terms. The Executive Board is composed of each one designated by a member state elected to do so by the World Health Assembly.

- **Chairman:**
not a full time assignment It is and the chairman is just required to chair the Executive Board's meetings.
 The chairman's post is held by rotation for one year among regional groups.
- **Meeting: twice a year.** The Board meets at least
- **Functions:** The main functions of the Executive Board are to give effect to the decisions and policies of the World Health Assembly, to advise it and generally to facilitate its work.

World Health Assembly

- **decision-making body of WHO.** The World Health Assembly is the
- It is attended by delegations from all WHO Member States and focuses on a specific health agenda prepared by the Executive Board.
- **determine the policies of the Organization, appoint the Director-General, supervise financial policies, and review and approve the proposed programme budget.** The main functions of the World Health Assembly are to
- **held annually in Geneva, Switzerland.** The Health Assembly is

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