# Neelima Kerketta Appointed New Chairperson of Jharkhand Public Service Commission

## Why In News?

On September 22, 2022, Dr. Mary Neelima Kerketta, a retired Indian Administrative Service officer, has been appointed as the chairperson of the Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC). After the approval of Governor Ramesh Bais, the Department of Personnel, Administrative Reforms and Official Language issued a notification appointing him as the chairman.

## Key Points

- It is worth noting that the post of JPSC President was vacant after Amitabh Choudhary completed 62 years on July 5, 2022. Due to the absence of the chairman, many appointments, interviews, promotions etc. work in the commission has come to a standstill.
- Dr. Neelima will hold the post of President till the maximum age of 62 years from the date of assuming office. In this way, she will be able to remain in this post till August 2024.
- Dr. Neelima is a 1994 batch IAS officer of Maharashtra cadre. From 2008 to 2013, she held several posts in Jharkhand and retired as principal secretary of the health department.
- Dr. Kerketta, a resident of Karni village in Gumla district, did her matriculation from Ursuline Convent Girls High School, Ranchi, her graduation from BAU, MSc and PhD from ICAR, New Delhi. His father Dr. R. Kerketa has been the Vice Chancellor of Birsa Agricultural University.

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