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## SUSWAGATAM PORTAL



- ◆ Recently CJI DY Chandrachud announced the launch of 'Suswagatam' portal for e-passes to enter the Supreme Court.
- ◆ 'Suswagatam' is a web-based and mobile-friendly application that allows users to register themselves online and place a request for an e-pass for various purposes like attending court hearings, meeting advocates etc.
- ◆ The 'Suswagatam' portal was launched as a pilot project on July 25, 2023. Till August 9, more than 10,000 e-passes have been issued through the portal on a pilot basis.



- ◆ The 'Su' in 'Suswagatam' stands for Supreme Court. Users can choose from different validity periods like daily, weekly, monthly or quarterly depending on their requirements and police clearance certificates.

## Supreme Court of India:-

- The Constitution of India provides for the establishment of the Supreme Court in India (Article 124).
- On 28 January 1950, the Supreme Court of India came into existence.
- The Supreme Court of India formerly known as the Federal Court of India was established in 1937 under the Government of India Act 1935.
- The judges including the Chief Justice of India are appointed by the President of India.
- To be appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court, a person must have the

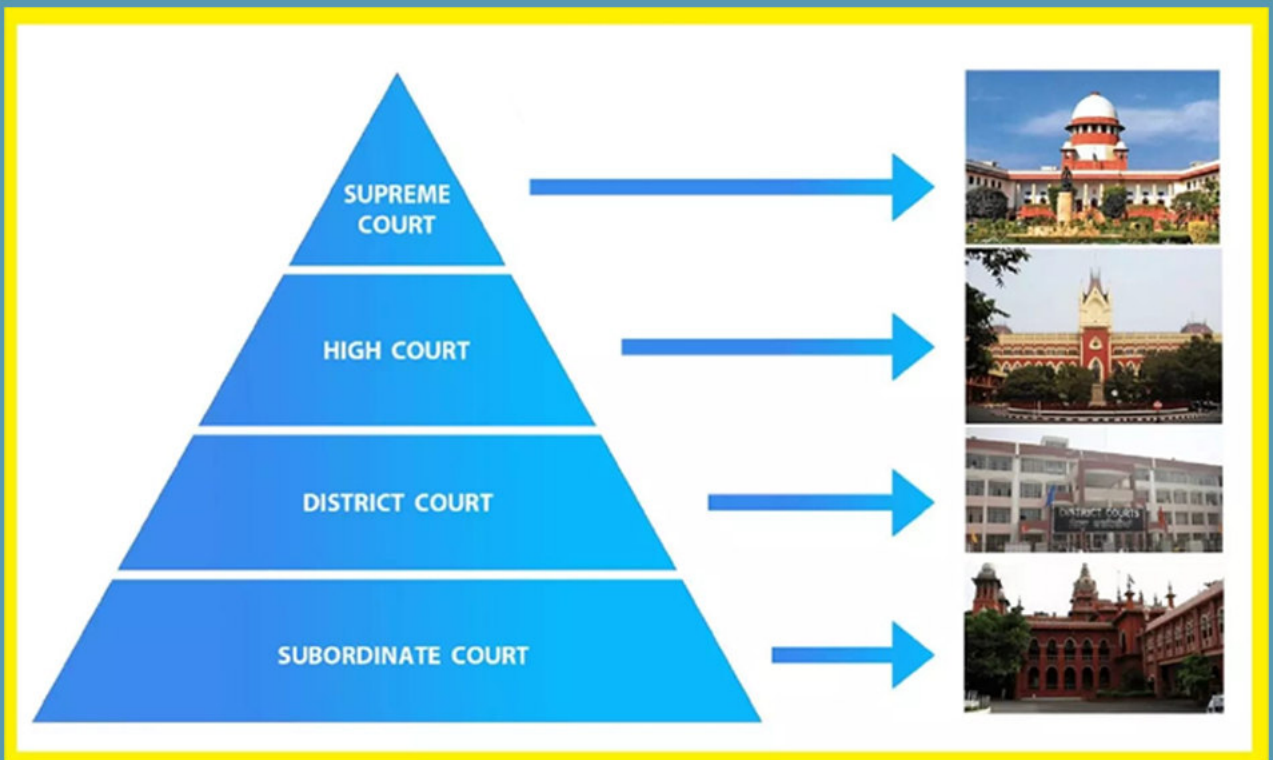






## Qualification for becoming a Judge:-

- The judges including the Chief Justice of India are appointed by the President of India.
- To be appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court, a person must have the following qualifications:
  - ~ The person must be a citizen of India
  - ~ Has been for at least five years a Judge of a High Court, or
  - ~ Has been an advocate of a High Court or two or more such Courts continuously for at least 10 years.





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## CHANGES IN THE SELECTION PROCESS OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS



- ◆ The Modi Government has introduced the Chief Election Commissioner (ECI) and Other Election Commissioners Bill in the Rajya Sabha. Controversy has also started regarding this bill.
- ◆ According to this bill, now the Chief Election Commissioner and other commissioners will be appointed by a three-member committee headed by the Prime Minister.





- ◆ As per the bill, instead of the Chief Justice of India, the three-member panel will consist of the Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha and the Prime Minister, who will head it, besides a cabinet minister.
- ◆ The Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners (Appointment Conditions of Service and Tenure) Bill, 2023, was introduced in Rajya Sabha by Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal.
- ◆ First, a list of five persons will be prepared for the consideration of the Selection Committee for appointment as Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioner.
- ◆ As per the statement and objectives of the Bill, if there is no official opposition party in the lower house of Parliament, the leader of the largest opposition party shall be deemed to be the leader of the opposition.

## The Supreme Court decided;-

- In March, the Supreme Court ruled that the selection panel should include the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha and the CJI.
- The court had said that this order will be effective till the law is not made by the Parliament.



## Criticism

- The bill is being criticized on the grounds that the move will put a question mark on the impartiality of the Election Commission as the selection panel will effectively have two members of the government – the prime minister and the cabinet ministers.

### चुनाव आयुक्त चुने जाने की अभी क्या प्रक्रिया है?



मुख्य चुनाव आयुक्त और चुनाव आयुक्त की नियुक्ति को लेकर फिलहाल देश में कोई कानून नहीं है।  
नियुक्ति की पूरी प्रक्रिया केंद्र सरकार के हाथ में है।

अब तक अपनाई जाने वाली प्रक्रिया के मुताबिक  
सचिव स्तर के मौजूदा या रिटायर हो चुके  
अधिकारियों की एक सूची तैयार की जाती है।

कई बार इस सूची में 40 नाम तक होते हैं। इस  
सूची के आधार पर तीनों नामों को एक पैनल तैयार  
किया जाता है।

इन नामों पर प्रधानमंत्री और राष्ट्रपति विचार करते हैं।  
इसके बाद प्रधानमंत्री पैनल में शामिल अधिकारियों से  
बात करके कोई एक नाम राष्ट्रपति के पास भेजते हैं।

इन नाम के साथ प्रधानमंत्री के नोट भी भेजते हैं।  
इसमें उस शख्स के चुनाव आयुक्त चुने जाने की  
वजह भी बताई जाती है।

इनका कार्यकाल 6 साल या 65 साल की उम्र  
जो भी पहले हो तक होता है।

इस प्रक्रिया से चुनाव आयुक्त चुने जाते हैं और  
इनमें से जो सबसे सीनियर होता है उसे मुख्य  
चुनाव आयुक्त नियुक्त किया जाता है।





# HAWAIIAN ISLANDS



- ◆ Devastating wildfires are scorching the island of Maui in the US state of Hawaii. 53 people have died in this incident.
- ◆ Efforts are being made to extinguish the fire that has been scorching the island for the last few days. Governor Josh Green said the death toll was likely to rise.
- ◆ A hotel, restaurant and shops built over a century ago in Maui's Lahaina town have been ravaged by wildfires.
- ◆ US President Joe Biden has declared the wildfires in Hawaii a major disaster and announced federal funds to the badly affected Maui island.



- ◆ Strong winds from Hurricane Dora spread wildfires far to the south.

## Hawaiian Islands Introduction;–

- Hawaii is a volcanic island group made up of 8 major islands and 124 islets, spanning a 1,500-mile (2,400 km) crescent from Kure Island in the west to the Hawaiian Islands in the east.
- At the eastern end of this chain are eight major islands, from west to east, Nihau, Kauai, Oahu, Molokai, Lanai, Kahoolawe, Maui, and Hawaii.
- Each volcanic mountain was formed during the passage of the Pacific Plate across a hotspot (an area of Earth's upper mantle that moves upward to melt through the crust) under the central Pacific Ocean.
- Hawaii Island was made the 50th US state on August 21, 1959.
- The islands are 2,397 miles (3,857 km) from San Francisco, California to the east and 5,293 miles (8,516 km) from Manila in the Philippines to the west.
- Honolulu, the capital of Hawaii, is located on the island of Oahu.
- The Hawaiian Islands are called the Crossroads of the Pacific. This state is strategically important for the global defense system of the United States of America.





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- Its area is 10,970 square miles (28,412 square km). Its population (2020) is 1,455,271; (estimated 2022) 1,440,196.
- Mauna Loa and Kilauea are the easternmost and largest islands (often referred to as the "Big Island"), with periodic volcanic eruptions and lava flows. Loihi Seamount, is a growing volcano located 18.6 miles (30 km) southeast of the island of Hawaii.
- Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa, both on the island of Hawaii, are 13,796 feet (4,205 m) and 13,678 feet (4,169 m) above sea level, respectively.
- Mauna Loa is the largest shield volcano in the world. Mauna Loa volcano is one of the most active volcanoes in the world.





## MEDITERRANEAN SEA



- ◆ Recently, another boat carrying migrants capsized in the Mediterranean Sea. The incident occurred in the sea between Tunisia (Tunisia) and Italy (Italy).
- ◆ According to details from the International Organization for Migration (IOM), a boat with 46 migrants left the Tunisian port of Spax for Italy.
- ◆ Due to high winds, the boat they were traveling in capsized in the sea off the island of Lampedusa in Italy.





## Geographical Limits:-

- It is an inter-continental sea. It extends from the Atlantic Ocean in the west to the continent of Asia in the east. It separates Europe from Africa.

## Its coastal countries include-

- Europe (West to East): Spain, France, Monaco, Italy, Malta, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Albania, Greece and Cyprus.
- Asia (North to South): Turkey, Syria, Lebanon and Israel.
- Africa (East to West): Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco.
- Coastal Cities: Athens, Haifa, Tel Aviv, Beirut, Venice, Rome etc.



## Geographical features;-

- It is connected to the Atlantic Ocean by the Strait of Gibraltar and to the Red Sea by the Suez Canal.
- The Sea of Marmara (part of the Mediterranean Sea) is connected to the Black Sea through the Bosphorus Strait and to the Aegean Sea through the Dardanelles Strait.
- Climate: Humid winter and hot and dry summer.
- Largest island: Sicily.

Marginal Seas within the Mediterranean Sea: Aegean Sea, Ionian Sea, Adriatic Sea and Marmara Sea.

