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Asian Pacific Postal Union

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Why is in news? India takes over leadership of the Asian Pacific Postal Union

India will take over the leadership of the Asian Pacific Postal Union (APPU) having its **Headquarters in Bangkok, Thailand** from this month.

Following the successful elections held during the 13th APPU Congress held in Bangkok during August-September 2022, Dr. Vinaya Prakash Singh, erstwhile Member (Personnel), Postal Services Board will take over the charge of Secretary General of the Union for the **tenure of 4 years**.

The Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU) was formed (in its current form) by International treaty through an **Asian-Pacific Postal Convention** signed in **Yogyakarta** on 27 March 1981. The organisation has origins dating back to 1961.

Asian Pacific Postal Union (APPU) is an **intergovernmental organization** of 32-member countries of the Asian-Pacific region.

APPU is the **only Restricted Union of the Universal Postal Union (UPU)** in the region, which is a **specialized agency of the United Nations**.

The goal of APPU is to **extend, facilitate and improve postal relations** between member countries and to promote cooperation in the field of postal services.

As the regional center for various UPU projects, APPU also takes the lead in ensuring that all technical and operational projects of the UPU are fulfilled in the region so that the region is integrated into the global postal network in the best possible way.

Secretary General leads the activities of the Union and is also the Director of the **Asian Pacific Postal College (APPC)** founded in 1970 which is the largest intergovernmental supporting the training and development of member states postal staff. The APPC is also based in Bangkok, Thailand.

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