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# RAM CHANDRA PAUDEL IS NEW NEPAL PRESIDENT

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## Senior Nepali Congress leader Ram Chandra Paudel elected as new President of Nepal

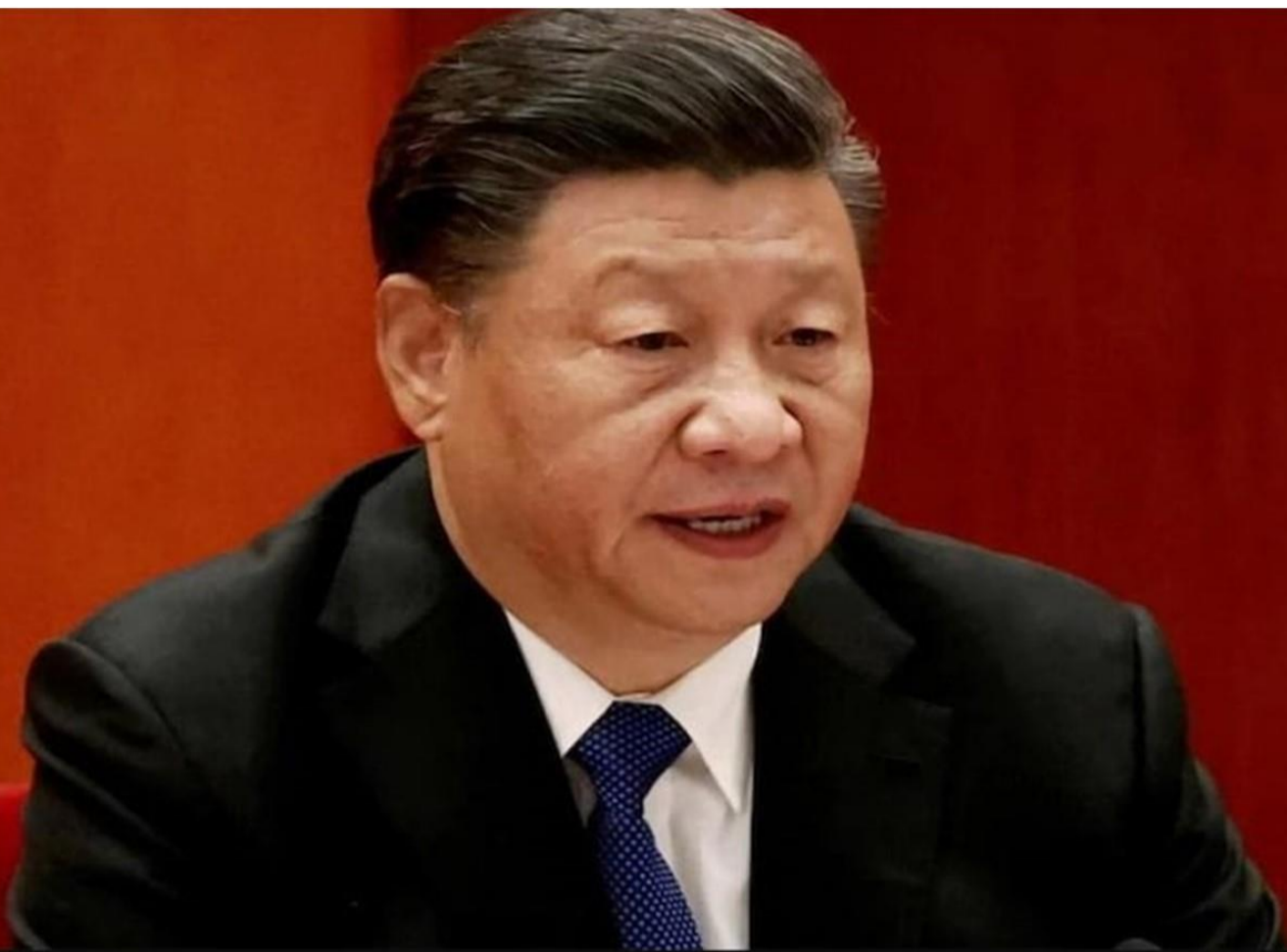
- Nepali Congress senior leader Ram Chandra Paudel has been elected the new President of Nepal.
- Paudel defeated CPN-UML Vice-chair Subash Chandra Nembang.
- The President is elected by an Electoral College consisting of the members of the Federal Parliament (House of Representatives and the National Assembly) and the Provincial Assembly.
- A total of 313 members of the Federal Parliament and 518 provincial assembly members took part in the vote.
- Former Speaker of the House of Representatives, Poudel was a joint candidate of CPN (Maoist Center), CPN (Unified Socialist), Janata Samajwadi Party Nepal, Loktantrik Samajbadi Party Nepal, Janmat Party, Nagarik Unmukti Party, Rastriya Janamorcha and Nepal Samajbadi Party along with his party, the Nepali Congress.

### Nepal:

- Capital: Kathmandu
- Prime Minister: Pushpa Kamal Dahal
- Currency: Nepalese rupee

**Q.** Who has been elected as the new President of Nepal? **Ram Chandra Paudel**





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## Xi Jinping elected as Chinese President for third time

- Xi Jinping has been elected as President of China for the unprecedented third term.
- There was no other candidate in the election.
- In 2018, Xi Jinping himself had removed the two-term limit on the presidency.
- He was also elected for a third term as chairman of China's Central Military Commission.
- China's parliament also elected Zhao Leji as the new parliament chair and Han Zheng as the new vice president.

### China:

- Capital: Beijing
- Currency: Renminbi

**Q.** Who has been elected as the new vice president of China? **Han Zheng**





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## **ISRO receives Indo-US jointly developed NISAR satellite**

- In order to reduce carbon footprint in its operations, Tata The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has received the NASA-ISRO SAR (NISAR) satellite from the U.S. space agency.
- A US Air Force C-17 aircraft carrying the NASA-ISRO synthetic aperture radar (NISAR) has landed in Bengaluru.
- The satellite is expected to be launched in 2024 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Andhra Pradesh, into a near-polar orbit. The satellite will operate for a minimum of three years. It is a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) observatory. NISAR will map the entire globe in 12 days.

### **NISAR:**

- NISAR was envisioned by NASA and ISRO eight years ago in 2014 as a powerful demonstration of the capability of radar as a science tool and help us study Earth's dynamic land and ice surfaces in greater detail than ever before.
- NISAR is a Low Earth Orbit observatory jointly developed by NASA and ISRO.
- NISAR carries L and S dual-band Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR), which operates with the Sweep SAR technique to achieve large swaths with high-resolution data. The SAR payloads mounted on Integrated Radar Instrument Structure (IRIS) and the spacecraft bus are together called an observatory.

**Q.** What is the name of the satellite recently received by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) from the US space agency?

**NISAR**





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## Amir Tamim appoints Sheikh Mohammed as Qatar's new prime minister

- Qatar's Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani has appointed Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani as the country's new prime minister.
- The decision to appoint Sheikh Mohammed, who was the deputy prime minister, came after the amir accepted the resignation of former Prime Minister Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al Thani.
- Sheikh Khalid was appointed as Qatar's prime minister and minister of interior in January 2020.
- Gulf Qatar's ruling emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, made the appointment.
- In Gulf Arab countries, the appointments of higher offices will be held by members of the ruling family. Sheikh Mohammed has served as foreign minister since 2016.

### Qatar:

- Capital: Doha
- Currency: Qatari riyal
- Emir of Qatar: Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani

**Q.** Who has been appointed as the new prime minister of Qatar? **Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani**





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## **First Edition of Women Icons Leading Swacchata (WINS) Awards 2023 Launched By MoHUA**

- To highlight the impact of women in sanitation and waste management, the Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri announced the 'Women Icons Leading Swachhata' (WINS) Awards 2023 on the eve of International Women's Day.
- The WINS Awards 2023 aim to recognize celebrate and disseminate inspiring and exemplary initiatives in urban sanitation and waste management by women led organizations and individual women.
- Applications for the Awards are open to (i) Self-Help Groups (SHGs) (ii) Micro-enterprises, (iii) Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), (iv) Startups and (v) Individual Women Leaders/Swachhata champions.
- Applications will be considered under the thematic areas of (i) Management of Community/Public Toilets (ii) Septic Tanks Cleaning Services (iii) Treatment Facilities (Used Water/Septage) (iv) Municipal Water collection and /or Transportation (v) Operation of Material Recovery Facilities (vi) Waste to Wealth products (vii) Treatment Facilities (Solid Waste Management) (viii) IEC, Training, Capacity Building (ix) Technology and Intervention and (x) Others.
- The Application Form will be made available to all States.

**Q.** Which awards were launched by the Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri on the eve of International Women's Day, to highlight the impact of women in sanitation and waste management? **Women Icons Leading Swacchata (WINS) Awards 2023**





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## **India Bags Golden & Silver Star at The International 'Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2023'**

- The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, has bagged Golden & Silver Star at The International 'Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2023' in 'TV/Cinema Commercials International and Country International' Category at ITB, Berlin 2023.
- The awards were received by Shri Arvind Singh, Secretary (Tourism) Government of India at ITB, Berlin.
- The Golden City Gate Tourism Multi-media Awards are given annually in various categories related to the Tourism and Hospitality sectors. The 'Golden City Gate' is a creative multi-media international competition for countries, cities, regions and hotels. The entries received for the awards are judged by an international jury comprising film and tourism experts. The annual award ceremony takes place at ITB Berlin, the world's leading tourism trade show.
- The Promotional films / television commercials received the awards were produced by the Ministry as part of its Post Covid Promotional Global Campaign on India reopening. Ministry of Tourism has developed the new Incredible India brand films for welcoming of foreign tourists to the country after the pandemic. These brand films have been widely circulated within the domestic and international travel industry for wider usage in for promotional and marketing purposes.

**Q.** Under which category, India has bagged Golden & Silver Star at The International 'Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2023'?

**TV/Cinema Commercials International and Country International**





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## Hindustan Unilever's Sanjiv Mehta to retire, Rohit Jawa named new CEO & MD

- Hindustan Unilever has appointed Rohit Jawa as its next Managing Director and CEO.
- Jawa will succeed Sanjiv Mehta, 62, who is set to retire this year after 30 years at the company.
- Jawa has been appointed the CEO of Hindustan Unilever for a period of five years, effective from June 27.
- The company's board has also approved the appointment of Ranjay Gulati as an independent director for a term of five consecutive years, starting from April 1, 2023.

### Hindustan Unilever:

- Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) is an Indian consumer goods company headquartered in Mumbai. It is a subsidiary of the British company Unilever. Its products include foods, beverages, cleaning agents, personal care products, water purifiers and other fast-moving consumer goods (FMCGs).
- Founded: 1933

**Q.** Who has been appointed as the next Managing Director and CEO of Hindustan Unilever? **Rohit Jawa**





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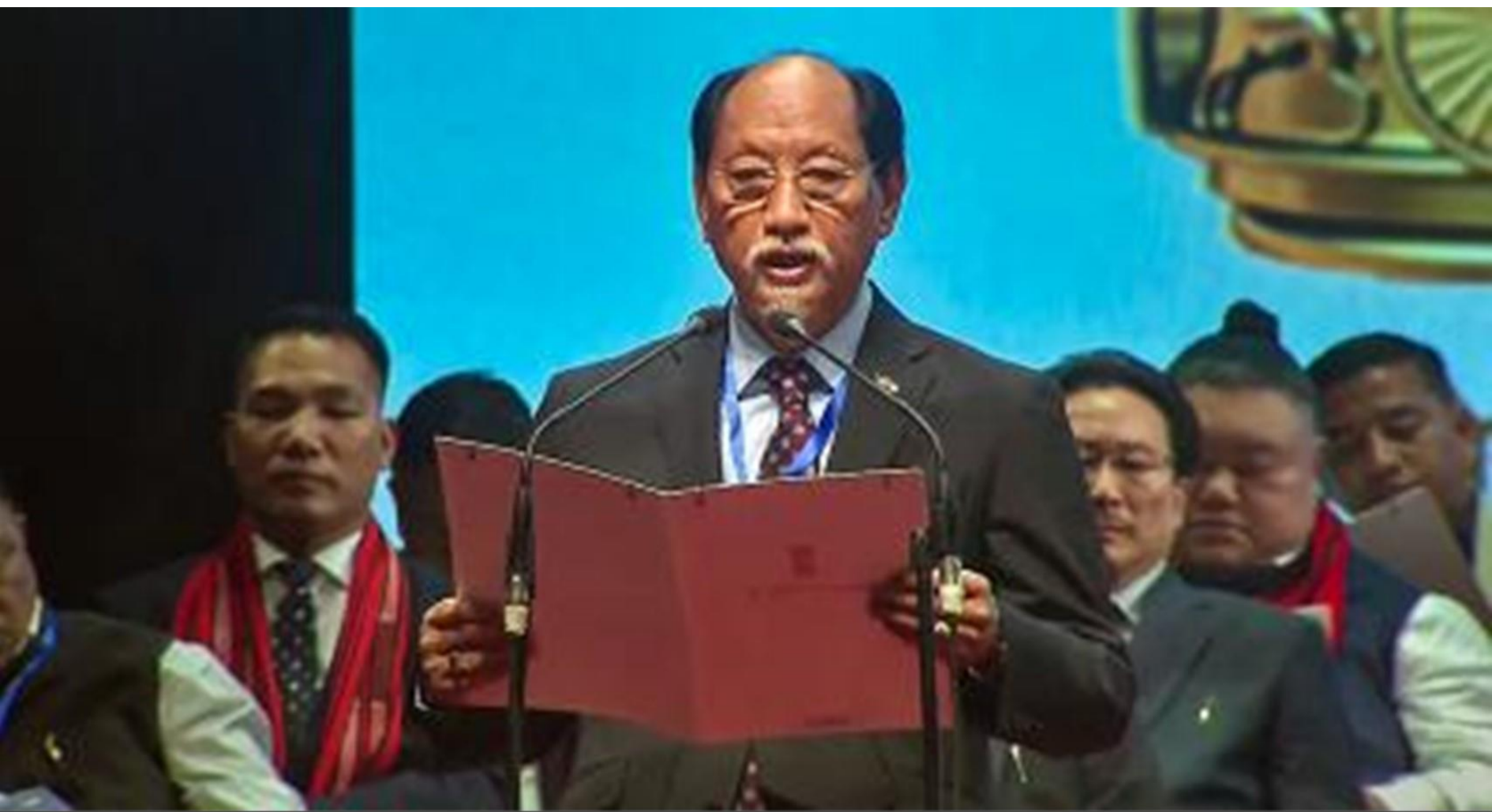
## **India, US to sign memorandum of understanding on semiconductors**

- The United States and India will sign a memorandum of understanding on semiconductors as both countries discuss coordination of investment and continue dialogue around policies to spur private investment.
- The dialogue comes close on the heels of the launch of the inauguration of the initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET).
- U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo, who is on a four-day trip to India, is accompanied by the chief executive officers of 10 U.S. companies and is scheduled to meet India's trade minister.
- The two nations will map the semiconductor supply chain together and identify opportunities for joint ventures and technology partnerships.
- Raimondo and Jaishankar launched the India-US Strategic Trade Dialogue at a meeting. On the US side, the dialogue will be led by the under secretary of the Bureau of Industry and Security under the commerce department while the foreign secretary will head it on the Indian side, with the focus on export controls.

**Q.** With which country, India will sign a memorandum of understanding on semiconductors?

**United States**





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## **Chief Minister of Nagaland Neiphiu Rio takes the oath of office**

- Neiphiu Rio, the leader of the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP), took the oath of office as the fifth Chief Minister of Nagaland.
- Governor La Ganesan gave the 72-year-old lawmaker the oath of secrecy. Mr. Rio is serving his fifth term and second consecutive term as the NDPP's leader.
- The deputy chief ministers of Nagaland, Taditui Rangkau Zeliang and Yanthungo Patton took the oath at Kohima among other Rio Cabinet members.
- Neiphiu Rio is contesting from home constituency Northern Angami-II.

### **Nagaland:**

- Capital: Kohima (Executive Branch)
- Governor: La. Ganesan

**Q.** Who took oath as the fifth Chief Minister of Nagaland? **Neiphiu Rio**





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## Citi appoints Bhanu Vohra as head for commercial banking in India

- Citi named Bhanu Vohra as the head of commercial banking in India.
- Vohra, who will be based in Mumbai, will report to Citi India CEO Ashu Khullar and to Rajat Madhok, head, Citi Commercial Bank Asia Pacific. Vohra replaces Tushar Vikram, who is now the global head of healthcare for CCB.
- The Citi Commercial Bank business addresses the banking and financial services requirements of emerging large corporates and mid-market enterprises.
- The business is focused on supporting clients in the healthcare, chemicals, consumer, technology and industrials segments, among others.
- Vohra, a chartered accountant, joined Citi in 2000, and was formerly the country head of Global Subsidiaries Group in Citi's Banking Capital Markets and Advisory business.
- Earlier this month, domestic private lender Axis Bank, completed the acquisition of Citibank India's consumer business and the consumer business of its non-banking finance arm, Citicorp Finance (India) Ltd, for Rs 11,603 crore.

**Q.** Who has been selected by Citi as the head of commercial banking in India? **Bhanu Vohra**





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