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1. Two Indian-American CEOs are appointed by Joe Biden to the advisory committee (March 13, 2023)

On March 12, 2023, **US President Joe Biden** proposed **two Indian Americans** for **appointment to the Advisory Committee on Trade Policy and Negotiations.**

Overview of the News

- Flex CEO **Revathi Advaiti** and Natural Resources Defense Council CEO **Manish Bapna** were both appointed as members of the committee.
- Advaiti is a strong advocate of **science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)** and women in the workplace.
- Advaiti served in various leadership roles at **Eaton and Honeywell** before joining Flex in 2019.
- Biden announced a team of **14 people** who will be a part of the US Advisory Committee.

About Flex

- Establishment - **1969**
- Headquarters - **Singapore**
- CEO - **Revathi Advaiti**

2. Tech Mahindra names former Infosys President Mohit Joshi as MD and CEO (March 13, 2023)

Tech Mahindra, India's **sixth largest IT services player**, on 11 March announced the appointment of **Mohit Joshi as MD & CEO.**

An overview of the news

- He will take over when **CP Gurnani** retires on December 19, 2023.
- The Board of Directors has approved his appointment for a period of five years **from December 20, 2023 to December 19, 2028.**
- The aforesaid appointment will be subject to approval by the **shareholders.**
- Joshi is currently serving as the **Infosys chairman.**
- He has over two decades of experience in the enterprise technology software and consulting sector.
- He has worked with the world's largest corporations driving digital transformation and building thriving businesses.

About Tech Mahindra

- Tech Mahindra was **established in 1986**.
- It provides **information technology (IT) services** and solutions to the telecommunications sector across the globe.
- Tech Mahindra is part of the **\$12.5 billion Mahindra Group** in partnership with **British Telecom plc (BT)**, one of the world's leading communications service providers.
- Chairperson - **TN Manoharan**

3. Chinese parliament appoints Li Qiang as the country's new prime minister (March 13, 2023)

Li Qiang was appointed as the **new Premier or Prime Minister of China** by the **Chinese Parliament** on March 11, 2023.

Overview of the News

- **Li Keqiang**, who had held the position for the past **ten years**, was replaced by **Li Qiang**.
- Li Qiang's nomination was approved at the annual meeting of the **National People's Congress (NPC)**, the official body that adopts the resolutions of the **Communist Party of China (CPC)**.

About China

- it is an **east asian country**
- It is the **third largest country in the world in terms of total land area**.
- President - **Xi Jinping**
- Capital - **Beijing**
- National language - **Mandarin**
- Currency - **Renminbi**

4. Thomas A Sangma Elected as Speaker of Meghalaya Legislative Assembly (March 11, 2023)

On 10 March 2023, **Thomas A. Sangma**, Member (MLA) of the **North Tura Legislative Assembly** of Meghalaya was elected as the **Speaker of the 11th Legislative Assembly of Meghalaya**.

News Overview

- Thomas A. Sangma of the **National People's Party (NPP)** was unanimously elected as no other candidate had filed his nomination for the post of **Speaker**.
- Sangma replaced **Metbah Lyngdoh (United Democratic Party)**.
- Chief Minister Konrad K. Sangma's Meghalaya Democratic Alliance (MDA) government has the support of 45 MLAs.

About Thomas A Sangma

- Thomas A. Sangma is an Indian politician from Meghalaya and a **member of the National People's Party**.
- He was elected to the **Rajya Sabha**, the upper house of the Parliament of India, for the term **2008-2014 from the Nationalist Congress Party**.

About Conrad Kongkal Sangma

- Conrad Kongkal Sangma is an Indian politician from the state of Meghalaya and is currently the **Chief Minister of the state**.
- He took oath as Chief Minister for the **second time on March 7, 2023**.
- Conrad Kongkal Sangma is the son of former Lok Sabha Speaker **PA Sangma**.
- In 2008, Conrad also became the **youngest Finance Minister of Meghalaya**.

About Meghalaya

- It is a state in **Northeast India**.
- Capital - **Shillong**
- Governor - **Fagu Chauhan**
- Chief Minister - **Konrad Sangma**

5. Rohit Jawa has been appointed as the new CEO and MD of Hindustan Unilever Ltd. (March 11, 2023)

On 10 March 2023, **Rohit Jawa** was appointed as the **new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer** of the famous Fast- Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) Company **Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)** Company.

News Overview

- Rohit Jawa will succeed **Sanjiv Mehta**, the current Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), who will retire on March 30, 2023.
- Rohit Jawa will also take over as **President of Unilever South Asia** from the current Chief of Transformation based in London.

About Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)

- It is a part of **England's company Unilever**, Unilever registered to do business in India.
- 67% of the dividend of Hindustan Unilever Limited goes to England.
- Headquarters - **London, England**
- Head Office in India - **Mumbai**
- Established - **17 October 1933**

6. Arun Subramanian becomes first Indian-American to be Judge of Manhattan Federal District Court in New York (March 10, 2023)

The **United States Senate** has confirmed the appointment of **Indian-American Arun Subramanian** as the **District Judge for the Southern District of New York**.

An overview of the news

- With this, Subramanian has become the **first South Asian judge to serve on this bench**.
- The Senate confirmed Subramanian's nomination on March 7 by a vote of 58–37.
- Earlier, in September 2022, US President **Joe Biden** had announced Subramanian's nomination to the **United States District Court for the Southern District of New York**.
- President Biden's announcement brings the number of announced **federal judicial officers to 143**, according to an official White House statement.
- Subramanian received his **Juris Doctor (J.D) from Columbia Law School** in 2004 and his BA from Case Western Reserve University in 2001.
- He is a partner at **Susman Godfrey LLP in New York** where he has worked since 2007.
- Subramanian has taken up matters relating to false claims, victims of child pornography trafficking, consumers and persons injured by unfair means.

7. Ram Chandra Paudel elected as the new President of Nepal (March 10, 2023)

On 9 March 2023, senior Nepali Congress leader **Ram Chandra Paudel** has been elected as the **new President of Nepal**.

News Overview

- Ram Chandra Paudel got votes **by 214 MPs of Parliament and 352 Members of Provincial Assemblies.**
- The President is elected by an electoral college consisting of members of the provincial assemblies and the federal parliament.
- The total number of electors for the presidential election in Nepal is 882, including 332 members of the parliament as well as 550 members of the provincial assemblies of the 7 provinces.
- He will succeed **Bidya Devi Bhandari** as the head of state of Nepal.

About Ram Chandra Paudel

- He also served as the **Deputy Prime Minister, Cabinet Minister and President of Nepal.**
- He served as the **Vice President of Nepali Congress** Tanhu District Committee in 1980, General Secretary in 2005, Vice President in 2007 and Acting President of the party in 2015.
- Ram Chandra Paudel served as **Minister of Local Development** in May 1991, Minister of Agriculture in 1992 and Speaker from December 1994 to March 1999.

About Nepal

- The kingdom of Nepal was established by the **Shah dynasty.**
- It is a landlocked country in **South Asia.**
- Prime Minister: **Pushpa Kamal Dahal**
- Capital: **Kathmandu**
- Currency: **Nepalese Rupee**

8. Former Malaysian PM Muhyiddin Yassin arrested on corruption charges (March 10, 2023)

The **Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission** on 9 March arrested former Malaysian Prime Minister **Muhyiddin Yassin** on the **charges of corruption.**

An overview of the news

- Muhyiddin, who was Malaysia's prime minister for 17 months **between 2020 and 2021**, has been charged under laws related to abuse of power and money laundering.
- He and his party have faced a corruption investigation after losing the November election to Prime Minister **Anwar Ibrahim.**

- Prime Minister Ibrahim last year ordered a review of **billions of dollars of government projects** approved by Muhyiddin, including **Covid-19 relief programmes**, alleging that he did not follow proper procedures.
- Muhyiddin, who is also **chairman of Bersatu**, a major opposition party in Malaysia's ruling coalition, would be the second former prime minister to be indicted.
- Another former Malaysian prime minister, **Najib Razak**, is also serving a 12-year prison sentence for corruption.

About Malaysia

- Prime Minister - **Anwar Ibrahim**
- Capital - **Kuala Lumpur**
- Currency - **Malaysian ringgit**
- Official Language - **Malay**
- Official Religion - **Islam**

9. Untimely demise of famous actor and filmmaker Satish Kaushik (March 9, 2023)

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An Overview of the news:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and many personalities from the film world have condoled Kaushik's death.
- In a career spanning over four decades, Shri Kaushik has left an indelible mark in theatre, cinema, TV and OTT platforms, acting, directing, writing and producing.
- Kaushik, who made his directorial debut with '**Roop Ki Rani Choron Ka Raja**', has **directed films like 'Hum Aapke Dil Mein Rehte Hain', 'Hamara Dil Aapke Paas Hai', 'Badhaai Ho Badhaai', 'Tere Naam' and 'Mujhe Kuch Kehna Hai'**.
- Kaushik was an alumnus of the **National School of Drama (NSD) and the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII)**.
- Kaushik, who hails from Haryana's **Mahendragarh district**, was appointed chairman of the **Haryana Film Promotion Board** by the Khattar government a few years ago.
- Born in Haryana and brought up in Karol Bagh, Delhi, Kaushik always wanted to be an actor.

- Kaushik wrote the dialogues for the 1983 film Jaane Bhi Do Yaaro and also wrote the story for Kaagaz (2021), starring Pankaj Tripathi.

Upcoming movies of Kaushik:

- **'Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan' and 'Emergency' are included in his upcoming films.**
- Mr. Kaushik will also be seen in the web series **'Popcorn'** on the over-the-top (OTT) platform **'Disney Plus Hotstar'**.

10. Colonel Geeta Rana became the first woman officer to command a field workshop (March 9, 2023)

Colonel in the Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (EME).

Colonel **Geeta Rana** of the Indian Army's Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers has become the first woman officer of the Indian Army to command a field workshop on the forward front in **eastern Ladakh**.

An Overview of the news:

- Ms. Rana is currently a **Colonel in the Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (EME)**.
- The Indian Army has also approved women officers to take up the role of commanders.
- After this Colonel Geeta has become the first woman officer to achieve this achievement. Colonel Geeta will command the independent field workshop deployed along the China border.

Increasing role of women officers in the army:

- The Indian Army has recently released 108 vacancies for women military officers to command independent units in the Corps of Engineers, Ordnance, Electronics and Mechanical Engineers and other branches.
- In future other women military officers may also be given such appointments. Women officers who will be able to get approval from the boards can also be given command roles and in future they can be given appointments in higher positions.
- The Indian Army is also inducting women military personnel in military exercises with friendly countries.
- Along with this, women military officers are also being sent for peacekeeping missions.
- **Army Chief General Manoj Pandey** is in favour of giving all possible opportunities to women officers in the Army.
- Very soon women military personnel can be given appointments in the Artillery Regiment in the Army.