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Is it Working for Our Workforce? Rethinking Social Insurance

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Arup Chatterjee is a practice lead for capital markets, contractual savings, and insurance, he guides financial sector development programs for addressing climate and disaster risks and mainstreaming and scaling up climate finance into ADB's operations, lending, and advisory services.

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Mr. Raut has more than 24 years of experience in public administration, social protection, disaster risk reduction, institutional reform, economic development, election management, digital transformation, internal security management and international cooperation. Currently he is serving as secretary of the Government of Nepal. He has served as secretary of Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Election Commission, National Natural Resource and Fiscal Commission and Principal Secretary of Madhesh Province Government. Currently he is Chairperson of Social Security Fund Nepal. He has also served as founding Executive Director of the Social Security Fund Nepal in 2011.



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