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Total votes: **1822**



Ram Chandra Poudel

Total votes: **1296**



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KATHMANDU, March 7: The 13th general convention of the Nepali Congress party has elected senior leader Sher Bahadur Deuba as the new party president on late Monday.

Deuba secured 1822 votes, 526 votes more than his contender Ram Chandra Paudel (1296 votes).

The voting went for the run-off on Monday as none of the three president contenders—Deuba, Paudel and Krishna Prasad Sitaula—garned 50 percent of the votes.

Know more about Deuba

This was the third contest for the party's top post by three-

time Prime Minister Deuba.





In the party's eleventh general convention held in 2005, he had contested for the post against then party president late Girija Prasad Koirala. But, lost.

In its twelfth general convention held in Kathmandu in 2010, Deuba had fought

against the party's erstwhile Acting President late Sushil Koirala and he had again lost the election.

Deuba, who hailed from a village in far-western district Dadeldhura, became home minister in the elected government in 1991 after reinstatement of democracy in 1990.

He became Prime Minister first time in 1995, second in 2001 and third time in 2004.

He was twice sacked by the erstwhile King Gyanendra Shah-- first in October 2002, and second time in February, 2005. Dismissing his government the then king assumed executive power that eventually pushed the major political forces to decisive agitation and ultimately the king had to relinquish power in 2006.

Deuba, who joined politics as a student leader, became the founding president of NC's student wing Nepal Student Union.

He was elected as lawmaker from his home district Dadeldhura continuously in all the five elections held since 1991.

For few years after 1990, Deuba remained as a key member trusted by Girija Prasad Koirala. But over the year, he emerged as Koirala's rival leader within the organization.

Later in 2002, the Deuba-led faction split the party to form Nepali Congress-Democratic (NC-Democratic) that lasted for five years before being reunified with the mother party in 2007.

The two leaders, late Girija Prasad Koirala and Deuba had agreed to reunify the two parties based on 60 percent seat allocations to the mother party and 40 percent to the new organization.

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