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Ani Dasgupta selected to be WRI's next President & CEO

WRI's Board of Directors has named Anirudha (Ani) Dasgupta as its next President and CEO. Dasgupta is a highly respected leader sustainable cities, urban design and poverty alleviation, and has been leading WRI's Cities program for the past seven years. [Read more](#)

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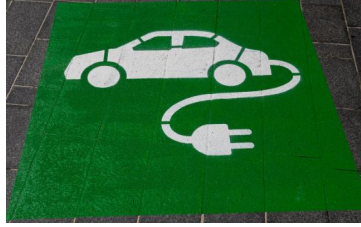
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by Azra Khan & Tanushree Venkatraman

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