

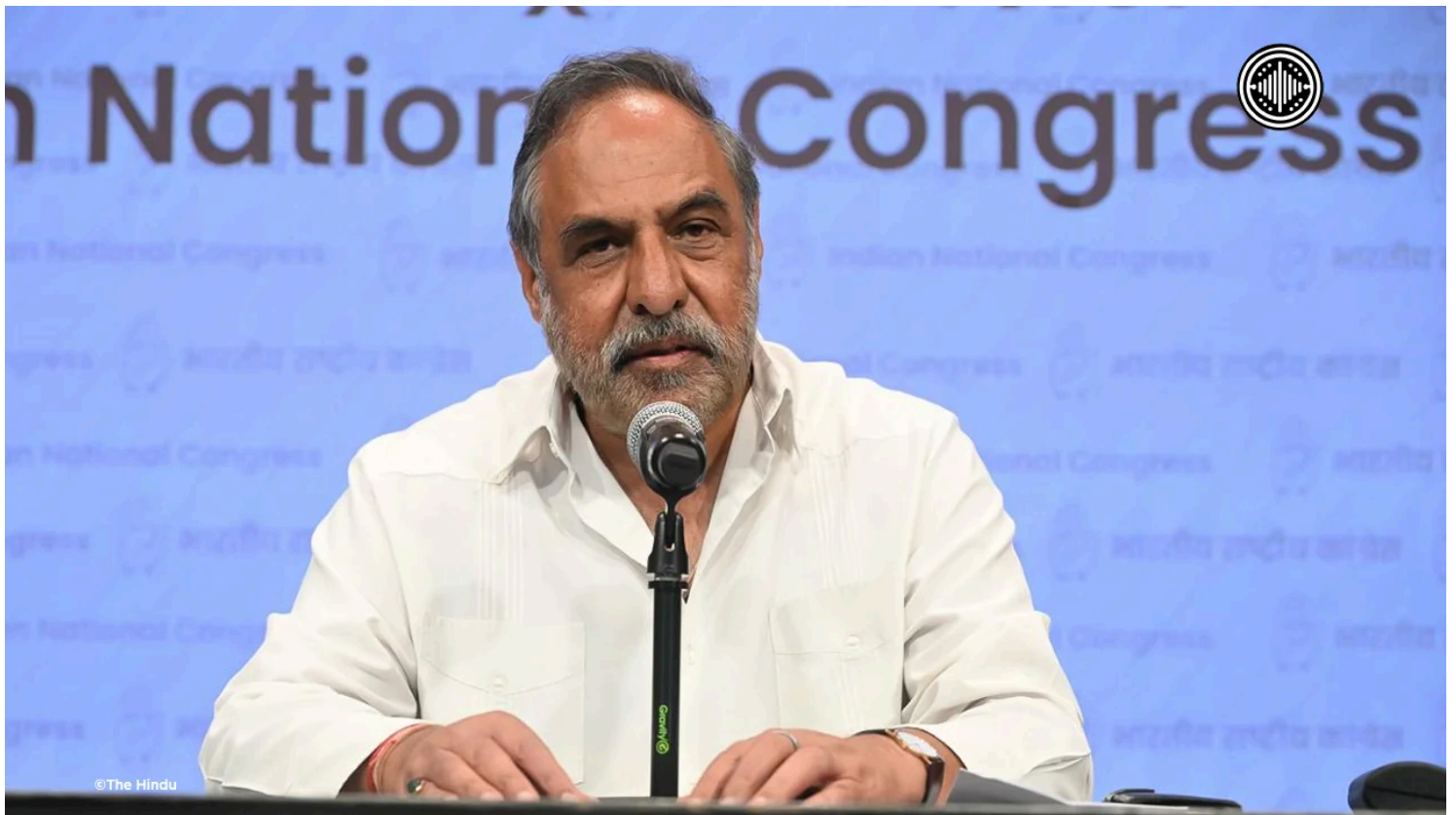
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## Anand Sharma Resigns as Chairman of Congress Foreign Affairs Department

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Senior Congress leader Anand Sharma has resigned from his position as Chairman of the party's Foreign Affairs Department, marking a significant move ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Sources confirmed that Sharma submitted his resignation to Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge earlier this week. The resignation comes as part of an internal

restructuring process within the party, which is seeking to revamp its various departments before the upcoming general elections.

While Sharma has not made any public statement on the reasons for his departure, party insiders suggest that it aligns with the Congress leadership's broader effort to introduce new faces and streamline responsibilities.

Sharma, a veteran parliamentarian and former Union Minister, has played a key role in shaping the Congress party's foreign policy positions over the years. He is also a prominent member of the G23 group, a bloc of senior Congress leaders who have previously sought internal reforms within the party.

The Congress party has yet to announce Sharma's replacement as head of the Foreign Affairs Department. His resignation adds to the series of recent changes in the party's organizational structure aimed at strengthening its strategy and messaging ahead of national polls.