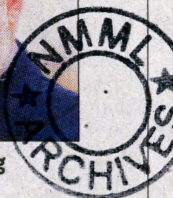


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CHAITANYA KALBAG takes over as Editor-in-Chief of all editions of the *Hindustan Times* today.

Kalbag brings with him extensive global experience in journalism. His last assignment was with Reuters where he was managing editor and head of editorial operations for Asia since 2000. He joined Reuters in 1983 and worked in several countries — including Hong Kong, Japan and India — before he moved to the global news organisation's Asia headquarters in Singapore. Kalbag's last role in Indian media was as an award-winning investigative writer at *India Today* in the early 1980s.

"I'm very excited at the prospect of returning to Indian journalism," says Kalbag. "I'm thrilled to be leading the *Hindustan Times*, with its history, its circulation, its influence and its ambition to be the pre-eminent newspaper in India as our country emerges as a superpower. I'm also happy to be joining HT's management team, with its professionalism and commitment to the highest quality. Above all, I look forward to an enriching partnership with the *Hindustan Times's* readers."

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Kalbag's arrival at HT Media will further reinforce the leadership of the *Hindustan Times* in giving its readers world-class excellence in journalism as India — with its rapidly changing society, politics and economics — takes a position of prominence on the global stage.