

# Chile's youngest-ever President elected

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**In news**– Recently, Leftist candidate **Gabriel Boric** (35 year old) has won Chile's presidential election to become the country's youngest ever leader.

## **About Chile-**

- The **Republic of Chile** is a country in the western part of South America.
- It occupies a long, narrow **strip of land between the Andes to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west.**
- The Andes Mountains are the longest continental mountain range in the world.
- The **capital is Santiago and Currency is Chilean peso.**



- It is **bounded on the north by Peru and Bolivia, on its long eastern border** by Argentina, and on the west by the Pacific Ocean.
- **It exercises sovereignty over Easter Island,** the Juan Fernández Archipelago, and the volcanic islets of Sala y Gómez, San Félix, and San Ambrosio, all of which are located in the South Pacific.
- Because of the country's **extreme length** it has a **wide variety of climates,** from the coastal desert beginning in the tropical north to the cold subantarctic southern tip.

- **Much of northern Chile is desert;** the **central part** of the country is a **temperate region** where the bulk of the population lives and where the larger cities, including Santiago, are located.
- **South-central Chile,** with a lake and forest region, is temperate, humid, and suitable for **grain cultivation.**
- It was colonised by Spain, and the culture that evolved was largely Spanish.
- **The major landforms of Chile are arranged as three parallel north–south units:** the **Andes mountains** to the east; the intermediate **depression, or longitudinal valley,** in the centre; and the **coastal ranges to the west.**
- **Major mountains of Chile are:** Ojos del Salado (6893 meters), Tres Cruces, Llullaillaco, Tres Cruces Central, Incahuasi.
- Chile has one of the world's largest income gaps, with 1% of the population owning 25% of the country's wealth, according to the United Nations.