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## Indian Navy gets indigenous anti-sub 'Androth'

**NEW DELHI:** In a move likely to enhance the Indian Navy's underwater capabilities, it has received 'INS Androth', the second of the eight ASW SWCs (Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft), built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata. It was delivered to the Indian Navy on September 13 at GRSE, Kolkata, marking yet another step towards self-reliance in defence manufacturing. According to a Naval spokesperson, the ASW SWC ships have been indigenously designed and constructed as per the Classification Rules of the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) at GRSE, Kolkata, and it will strengthen the Navy's anti-submarine, coastal surveillance and mine-laying capabilities. The name 'Androth' holds strategic and symbolic significance, derived from Androth Island in the Lakshadweep archipelago, underscoring India's commitment to safeguarding its vast maritime territories.

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## Over 200 killed in 2 boat disasters in Congo

**KINSHASA:** Over 200 people have been killed in two deadly boat accidents in two days in Democratic Republic of Congo. The most recent incident occurred a day ago and saw a boat with nearly 500 passengers catch fire and capsize on the Congo River, in the Equateur Province's Lukolela territory, authorities said. Some 107 people were killed and a further 146 are missing, the Congolese humanitarian affairs ministry said. It came a day after at least 86 people were killed in a separate boat accident in the Basankusu territory, in the same province. Most of those victims were said to have been students.



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# MODI TARGETS CONG OVER 'INFILTRATION'

**Accuses the GOP of siding with anti-nationals**  
Lays stone for projects worth ₹6,300 cr in Assam

GUWAHATI

**PRIME Minister Narendra Modi** on Sunday launched a scathing attack on the Congress during a public meeting in Assam's Darrang district, alleging that the party has consistently sided with anti-national forces and even terrorists groomed by Pakistan.

"Instead of standing with our brave soldiers, Congress has chosen to back infiltrators and those who threaten India's unity. This party has repeatedly provided cover to anti-national forces," PM Modi told the gathering at Mangaldai, adding that the BJP would not allow infiltrators to grab land or alter the state's demography.

Signalling a major leap in Assam's healthcare sector, Modi unveiled projects worth Rs 6,300 crore in Darrang district. The projects include Darang Medical College along with a nursing college and a GNM school in Mangaldai town. It also includes the 118.5 km-long Guwahati Ring Road project, connecting Kamrup and Darrang districts in Assam and Ri Bhoi in Meghalaya. The Prime Minister hailed the BJP government's work in Assam,



PM Narendra Modi during the inauguration of a refinery at Golaghat in Assam on Sunday

For its politics, Congress stands with every person and thought that is against India. We saw this even during Operation Sindoor. Today, when our Army carries out Operation Sindoor and uproots terror hide-outs across Pakistan, Congress chooses to side with Pakistan's Army. Instead of standing with our forces, this party furthers the agenda of those who shelter terrorists

saying that they have begun to "correct those wrongs and remove illegal claims", as he accused the Congress party of encroaching on farmers' land and places of worship during their rule in the state.

"Encroachments on farmers' land and on places of worship were carried out under the previous Congress governments. Since the formation of the BJP-led NDA government, we have begun to correct those wrongs and remove illegal claims," he said.

"In Assam, lakhs of acres have been reclaimed from infiltrators," he claimed, adding, "The BJP's objective is to protect the country from infiltrators and restore its integrity. I challenge those politicians who defend infiltrators to come forward and face this issue, let them show what efforts they have made to remove infiltrators, compared with the efforts we have made."

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Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman addressing the joint conclave of the trade and industries association in Chennai on Sunday

## 'TAX REFORMS FOR RISING BHARAT'

# GST 2.0 big win for citizens: FM

- From morning tea to dinner, GST benefits everyone: Sitharaman
- Says reforms for MSMEs to fuel growth and employment across India

CHENNAI

**UNION Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** on Sunday said the GST reforms are a huge victory for each and every citizen of the country. Taking into account that every state in India has its own festivals, it has been decided to implement the GST reforms much ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's instruction of launching them before

Deepavali festival, Sitharaman said at an event in Chennai.

In her address at the joint conclave of the trade and industries association on "Tax Reforms for Rising Bharat" organised by Chennai Citizens Forum, she said the beneficial impact of Goods and Services Tax would be there for all products from the start of the day till people go to bed.

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## No complaints received against Rajgopal blabber, says PCC panel

HANS NEWS SERVICE

**HYDERABAD:** The PCC disciplinary committee on Sunday clarified that the party was yet to initiate any action against Munugode MLA Komattireddy Rajgopal Reddy, as no formal complaint was received against his 'dissident remarks'.

The committee, chaired by Mallu Ravi, dwelt in detail on various issues, including resolution of issues causing friction within the party primarily in Warangal and Gajwel.

Later briefing the media, Ravi clarified that the issue pertaining to Rajgopal Reddy did not come up for discussion as no complaint had been lodged against him.

"If a complaint is received, we will discuss the Rajagopal Reddy issue. It has not come to our attention, as yet," he said.

However, he cautioned that disciplinary action would be taken against anyone who makes internal party matters public through the media. Ravi stressed the need for party members to maintain unity as local body elections were round the corner.

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## Earthquake jolts Assam

**GUWAHATI:** An earthquake of magnitude 5.8 struck Assam on Sunday evening, according to the National Center for Seismology.

The earthquake occurred at 4.41pm and the epicentre was in Udalguri district. The depth of the earthquake was 5km, the officials said. Tremors were also felt in other northeastern states and neighbouring Bhutan.

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa said there has been no report of any major damage or loss of life. "We are actively monitoring the situation," he wrote on X.

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## SCCL's delayed participation in coal block auction

# Kishan blames it on BRS regime

VRC PHANI HARAN HYDERABAD

**UNION Minister for Coal and Mines G Kishan Reddy** has called out the erstwhile Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) regime for its "policy blunder" that he says prevented Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) from participating in national coal block auctions in time. Speaking to *'The Hans India'*, he outlined the Centre's transparent coal allocation policy and its implications for Telangana's mining sector.

Reddy explained that, following the Supreme Court's



landmark decision to cancel previous coal block allocations to both public and private entities, the Union government implemented a uniform auction-based policy. "Coal is national wealth. The Supreme Court mandat-

ed transparency, and since then, all coal blocks—new and previously allocated—have been put up for auction," he amplified.

While major public sector units like Coal India and Western Coalfields have actively participated in these auctions, Singareni Collieries remained absent due to the stance taken by the then BRS-led state government. "This non-participation delayed the auction of coal blocks in Telangana, which could have otherwise boosted the state's energy and employment prospects," Reddy remarked.

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# Heavy rains disrupt normal life in Hyd

**Huge traffic jams in HI-TEC city, Gachibowli, Uppal, Miyapur on Sunday night**

HANS NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD

**SEVERAL** parts of the city witnessed heavy rainfall on Sunday, disrupting normal life and resulting in huge traffic jams at many places. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) Hyderabad issued an orange alert and predicted moderate to heavy rain for two days, with misty, cool mornings and nights.

City and its outskirts received heavy downpour, resulting in huge traffic gridlocks in Gachibowli, Hitec City, Miyapur, Sanathnagar, Kondapur and other places. Roads and low-lying areas were inundated with flood water, leaving people stranded. Two people were reported to be missing in a nala in Asifnagar area in the city. Efforts were on to trace them.

Localised heavy rains were also reported in Uppal, Kapra, Marredpally, Alwal and Quthbullapur continuing intermittently during the night. Prashant Nagar, Malkajgiri recorded a downpour of 16



cm, the highest in the city.

According to data from the Telangana Development Planning Society, Vivekanandapuram Community Hall (Neredmet) received 50 mm rainfall, Bandlaguda (Uppal) 47.5 mm, Mallapura ward office (Uppal) 42 mm, Kapra 37 mm, and Medpally 35 mm. Other areas, including Sarooranagar, Mush-eerabad, Himayathnagar, of the city saw rainfall.

Meanwhile, Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi along with officials inspected areas in Road 12, Banjara Hills, near ICCO and other rain-affected areas. She ordered that spe-

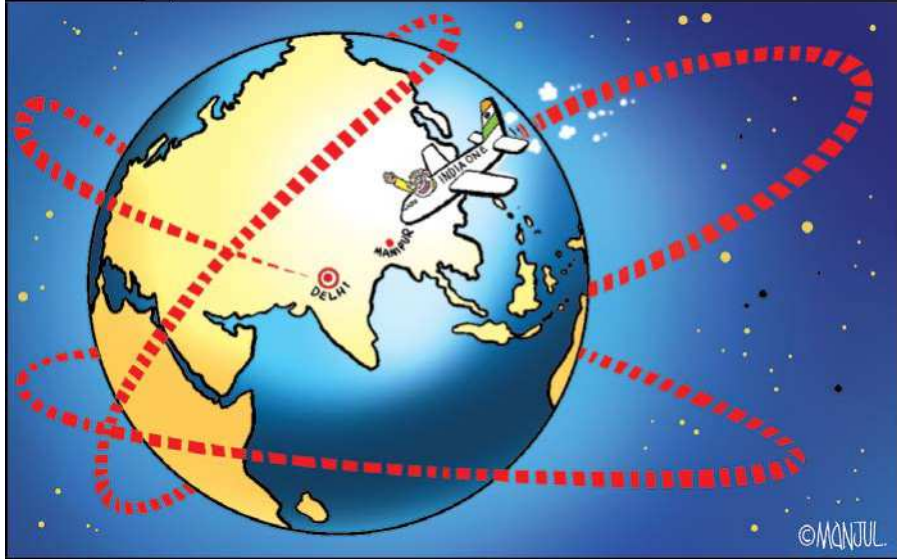
cial attention be paid to waterlogging points to prevent traffic problems due to rain.

For any complaints or assistance related to the rain, people are advised to contact GHMC-DRF at 040-29555500, 040-21111111 or 9000113667, or file a complaint with HYDRAA.

The IMD, Hyderabad has forecasted heavy rainfall in Adilabad, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Mulugu, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Sangareddy, Medak, Kamareddy, Mahabubnagar, Narayanpet on Monday.

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# IPO rush: Over 12 cos look to mop up ₹10k-cr in 3 wks

NEW DELHI

**OVER** a dozen companies are gearing up to launch their IPOs over the next two to three weeks, aiming to raise nearly Rs 10,000 crore, buoyed by supportive policy measures, including GST 2.0 reforms, and the RBI's monetary policy easing through rate cuts.

Among the firms preparing to tap the primary markets are iValue Infosolutions, Saatvik Green Energy, JinKushal Industries, Atlanta Electricals, Park Medi World, SolarWorld

## Policy push, favourable liquidity measures, GST 2.0 buoy stock market sentiment

### FESTIVE JOSH

- Aiming at Diwali rally in markets
- Jain Resource Recycling to raise Rs 2k cr
- Anand Rathi coming with Rs 750-cr IPO



Energy Solutions, Jain Resource Recycling, CIEL HR Services, GK Energy,

Ganesh Consumer Products, Anand Rathi Share and Stock Brokers, and Sessaasai

Technologies, merchant bankers said. All these companies are

expected to announce their price bands in the week beginning September 15 and

plan to launch their IPOs before September 30, they added. Merchant bankers further indicated that this will be followed by offerings from Anantam Highway InvIT (Alpha Alternatives), Epack Prefab Technologies, Pranav Construction, and TruAlt Bioenergy.

These firms are likely to announce their price bands during September 22-30, with launches slated for the end of September or early October. Together, these companies are aiming to

mobilise nearly Rs 10,000 crore. All of them have already secured clearance from the markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi).

The fundraising will help companies meet capital expenditure requirements, finance expansion plans, repay borrowings, and cover general corporate purposes. The pipeline adds to an already strong year for IPOs. So far, 55 companies have floated their maiden public offerings, raising nearly Rs 75,000 crore.

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