

# India to host 5th Coast Guard Global Summit in Chennai in 2027

NEW DELHI, Sept 14 (PTI)

INDIA will host the fifth Coast Guard Global Summit (CGGS) in Chennai in 2027, coinciding with the golden jubilee celebrations of the Indian Coast Guard, the defence ministry said on Saturday.

The decision was taken unanimously at the fourth CGGS held in Rome, Italy, from September 11 to 12. It was attended by delegates from 115 countries, including India, and international organisations.

Director General (DG), Indian Coast Guard (ICG), Paramesh Sivamani, emphasised that no

single nation can address the full spectrum of maritime issues alone, and underlined that the Chennai summit in 2027 will serve as an inclusive forum to foster interoperability, trust and stronger cooperation among coast guards worldwide, the ministry said in a statement.

Reaffirming its leadership in international maritime cooperation, India will host the fifth CGGS in Chennai in 2027, coinciding with the golden jubilee celebrations of the ICG, it said.

“The three-day event will include an International Coast Guard Fleet Review and a World Coast Guard Seminar, providing

a global platform for dialogue on emerging maritime challenges and showcasing international maritime unity,” it added.

During the ceremonial handover of the CGGS presidency, the DG hailed the summit as a beacon of global coast guard cooperation in addressing shared maritime challenges, while expressing gratitude to the Italian Coast Guard for its hospitality and to the Japan Coast Guard for its role as CGGS Secretariat, the Ministry said.

On the sidelines of the summit, the DG also met the Commandant of the Italian Coast Guard.

# Rains, flash floods hit Manipur, Himachal

IMPHAL, Sept 14 (PTI)

FLASH floods and landslides have been reported in various parts of Manipur following torrential rain during the last 24 hours, officials said on Sunday.

Several areas in Yaingangpokpi, Santikhongbal and Sabungkhok Khunou in Imphal East, and Kakwa and Sagolband in Imphal West, have been inundated due to the downpour, they said.

Some houses and residential compounds have also been submerged in these areas.

Landslides were reported from Awangkhum in Noney district as well as from the hill districts of Senapati and Kamjong, the officials said.

The water level of major rivers, including Imphal river, Nambul and Iril, rose significantly, but are yet to reach the danger mark, they said.



The Water Resources Department is closely monitoring the situation.

Most parts of the northeastern state have recorded moderate to heavy rainfall in the past 24 hours, with forecasts of more downpour on Sunday, he added.

**HEAVY RAINFALL IN PARTS OF HIMACHAL, DHARAMSHALA RECORDS 232 MM OF RAIN:** A FRESH spell of rain lashed parts of Himachal

Pradesh on Sunday with Dharamshala in Kangra recording the highest rainfall of 232 mm, officials said on Sunday.

Thunderstorms were witnessed in Shimla, Kullu's Bhuntar, Chamba's Jot, Mandi's Sundernagar, Bilaspur's Murari Devi and Palampur and other parts of Kangra, they said.

Several houses and agricultural land were damaged in Khairi Gram Panchayat in

Hamirpur's Sujanpur as a result of torrential rain on Sunday, the officials said.

The devastation also led to damage to the main road and vehicles that were parked on the roadside, they said.

**PANCHAYAT PRESIDENT KILLED IN LANDSLIDE IN SIKKIM:** A 47-year-old Panchayat President was killed in a landslide, triggered by incessant rain, in Sikkim's Gyalshing district, police said on Sunday.



Rajen Gurung

the Sardung Lungjik Gram

Panchayat unit, near his residence, a senior officer said.

He was looking at the drainage system near his residence when the landslide occurred, the police said. Chief Minister PS Tamang said he was deeply saddened to learn about the "untimely demise of Gurung, who succumbed to his injuries caused by a landslide near his residence on Saturday night." "In this moment of profound grief, I extend my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and pray for eternal peace to the departed soul. Late Shri Gurung's selfless service to his community and his tireless contributions towards the welfare of the people will be remembered with deep respect and gratitude," the Chief Minister said in a social media post. The CM said he, on behalf of the State Government and the people of Sikkim, stands in solidarity with the grieving family in this hour of irreparable loss.

The incident occurred on Saturday evening when a massive landslide buried Rajen Gurung, the President of

# Rajnath approves new framework to rationalise revenue procurement

NEW DELHI, Sept 4 (PTI)

DEFENCE Minister Rajnath Singh has approved a new framework to streamline, simplify and rationalise the revenue procurement process for the military.

The Defence Procurement Manual (DPM) 2025 also aims to foster jointness among the three services and help in maintaining the highest level of military preparedness through expeditious decision making process for revenue procurement, an official readout said on Sunday.

“It (DPM) will ensure timely availability of requisite resources to the armed forces and at appropriate cost,” it said.

Defence Minister Singh approved the DPM that will “further streamline, simplify, enable and rationalise the revenue procurement process in the Ministry of Defence and cater to the emerging requirements of the armed forces in the era of modern

warfare”, it said.

The Ministry said ease of doing business has been further strengthened in the document, which aims to boost Aatmanirbharta (self-reliance) in defence manufacturing and technology.

“The objective is to utilise the potential, expertise, and capability of the domestic market in defence sector by ensuring active participation of private players, MSMEs, start-ups, etc., along with the well-established Defence Public Sector Undertakings,” it said in a statement.

Procurement of goods and services by the defence services and of other organisations under the Defence Ministry is regulated by the DPM, which was last promulgated in 2009.

The new manual was under revision in the Ministry in consultation with the armed forces and other stakeholders.

# Amit Khare

## appointed as Secretary to V-P



NEW DELHI, Sept 14 (PTI)

**THE** Government on Sunday appointed former bureaucrat Amit Khare as Secretary to the new Vice President C P Radhakrishnan.

Khare has been serving as Advisor to the Prime Minister since October 12, 2021, handling matters related to the social sector in the Prime Minister's Office. He was also part of the core team that formulated and implemented the National Education Policy, 2020. His appointment will be for a period of three years from the date he assumes charge. "The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Amit Khare, IAS (Retd.), 1985 batch, Jharkhand Cadre, as Secretary to the Vice-President of India," an official order said. Khare's appointment will be on a contract basis, in the rank and pay of Secretary, for a period of three years.

# Sushila Karki assumes charge as Nepal's PM

■ Declares those killed during the Gen Z protests as "martyrs" and announces Rs 1 million as relief for each victim's family



People visit the Pashupatinath Temple, in Kathmandu on Sunday as things return to normal.

(PTI)

KATHMANDU, Sept 14 (IANS)

**SUSHILA** Karki formally assumed office as the interim Prime Minister of Nepal on Sunday, declaring those killed during the Gen Z protests as "martyrs" and announcing Rs 1 million in relief for each victim's family, according to local media reports.

Karki, a former Chief Justice, was sworn in on Friday by President Ramchandra Paudel after growing demands from the Gen Z movement.

She took charge two days lat-

er, beginning her tenure by paying tribute at the Martyrs' Memorial in Lainchaur on Sunday morning before proceeding to Singha Durbar. She commenced her official duties from the Home Ministry's building, as the Prime Minister's Office had been shifted there following the arson attack on Tuesday that damaged the main complex.

One of her first decisions was to extend immediate relief to victims of last week's violent demonstrations.

Chief Secretary Eknarayan Aryal confirmed that those killed during the protests would be recognised as martyrs, with their families receiving financial support of Rs 1 million each.

According to The Kathmandu Post, the Government has also ensured free medical treatment for 134 injured protesters and 57 injured police personnel.

Ministries have been directed to prepare comprehensive reports detailing the damages

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# PM launches projects worth Rs 18,530 crore in Assam

'Numaligarh Refinery is world's first, second-generation bioethanol plant is a zero-waste facility'

GUWAHATI, Sept 14 (PTI)

**PRIME** Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday launched projects worth Rs 18,530 crore in Assam, including the world's first bioethanol plant using bamboo as raw material, along with major health and infrastructure projects at programmes in Darrang and Golaghat districts.

In Darrang district's Mangaldoi town, the PM laid foundation stones for three major projects with an investment of Rs 6,300 crore. These include the Darrang Medical College and Hospital, along with a GNM school and nursing college at a cost of Rs 570 crore, the Guwahati Ring Road (Rs 4,530 crore) and the Kuruwa-Narengi bridge over Brahmaputra (Rs 1,200 crore), officials said.

The PM, after inaugurating the projects, said that his Government is working with the vision of making Assam a growth engine of India's development.

"Both the Union and State Governments are developing Assam as one of the most connected States and as a leading healthcare hub. These projects will further strengthen our resolve," he said.

The Darrang Medical College will be the 24th such facility in the State and will admit 100 students each year into the MBBS programme.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the inauguration of Assam Bio-Ethanol Private Limited (ABEL), Numaligarh Refinery Plant, in Golaghat, Assam. (PTI)

## 'Cong backing Pak-groomed terrorists instead of supporting Indian Army'

MANGALDOI, Sept 14 (PTI)

**PRIME** Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday alleged that the Congress, instead of supporting the country's Army, was backing terrorists groomed by Pakistan.

Addressing a programme at Mangaldoi in Assam's Darrang district, he accused the grand old party of "protecting" infiltrators and anti-national forces. The Prime Minister also asserted that the BJP would "not allow infiltrators to grab land and conspire to change the demography".

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The 121.43 km Guwahati Ring Road, divided into three sections, will decongest the capital city and ease the movement of vehicles, including trucks from West Bengal, Bihar, and other States.

The 55 km-long first section will stretch from Baihata Chariali to Sonapur via Kuruwa and Chandrapur. It will include a four-lane road along with several six-lane bridges, including the 2.9 km Kuruwa-Narengi bridge over the Brahmaputra, as well as five other bridges, three flyovers, and

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