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Water Coverage (India)

- **Indian Navy Commissions Indigenous Anti-Submarine Warship Mangrol:** The Indian Navy commissioned **INS Mangrol**, its third anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft, built by **Cochin Shipyard** with over **80%** indigenous content. Armed with the Abhay Sonar, lightweight torpedoes, and Maareech torpedo decoy systems, it strengthens coastal defense. The Navy, with **151** active platforms (**131** ships, **20** submarines), has **42** vessels under construction and AoN for **69** ships, targeting over **170** platforms.
- **Indian Railways Plans 24-Coach Vande Bharat Sleepers:** Indian Railways targets a **June 2027** rollout for a **24-coach** Vande Bharat sleeper train, with Integral Coach...



... Factory, Chennai tasked with manufacturing **50** trainsets. The fleet expansion includes **BEML** producing **10** trainsets, the Indo-Russian joint venture **Kinet** assigned **120**, and a **Titagarh-BHEL** consortium building **80**. Designed for **160 kmph** operation (**180 kmph** test speed), the trains feature pantry cars, bio-vacuum toilets, and the indigenous **KAVACH** anti-collision system, supporting over **200** planned sleeper trains.

- **Tatanagar Station Creates Holding Area for Durga Puja:** The Chakradharpur railway division is building a temporary holding area at Tatanagar station in the portico and parking lot, operational by **October 13**, featuring seating, fans, drinking water, and urinals. Passengers with valid tickets enter platforms **30 minutes** before train arrivals, under coordinated RPF and GRP management. South Eastern Railway announced **3** special trains: the Tatanagar-Buxar service runs every Tuesday (**October 13 to November 24**), Itwari-Shalimar specials run Thursdays and Fridays (**October 15 to 30**), and the Sambalpur-Santragachi special departs **October 14 and 21**, returning **October 15 and 22**.
- **Assam Floods Claim 66 Lives, Displace 7 Lakh People:** Assam faces unprecedented flooding, with **66** deaths recorded and nearly **7 lakh** people affected across **856 villages** in **12 districts**. Over **1.15 lakh** residents are in relief camps, with **4,455** evacuated by boats. While initially attributed to a "cloudburst," the region recorded **137 mm** rainfall over eight to nine hours, with rainfall departures of **436%** in Charaideo. Experts cite deforestation, mining-driven river excavation,

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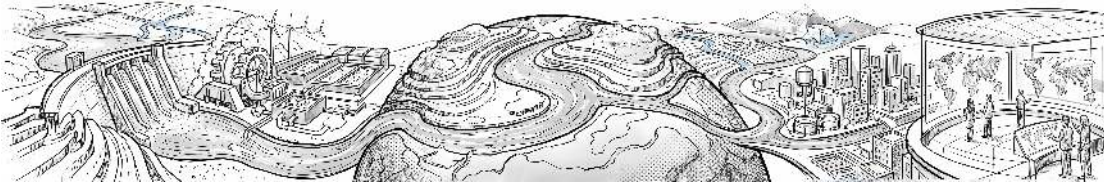
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and excess discharge from the **Doyang Hydroelectric Project** as key aggravating factors.

- **MCD Seals 1,557 Polluting Industrial Units in Delhi:** MCD inspections between **December 1, 2025**, and **September 30, 2026**, found over **20%** of units in non-conforming industrial areas violating pollution norms. Of **11,273** units surveyed across **250** wards, **2,299** were polluting — **1,669** for air and **630** for water. Enforcement led to **1,557** units sealed (**1,111** air, **446** water), **705** vacated, and **34** show-cause notices. Shahdara North was the top hotspot with **370** polluting units, with drives intensifying across **48** non-conforming industrial hotspots.
- **Delhi Airport and SpiceJet Issue Rain Advisories:** Delhi Airport and SpiceJet issued passenger advisories as heavy rain and thunderstorms hit the national capital, with the **IMD** forecasting moderate to heavy rainfall over **Delhi-NCR**. While the airport reported normal operations, SpiceJet warned that departures, arrivals, and subsequent flights could be affected. Waterlogging triggered traffic warnings, and maximum temperatures are expected between **31 and 35 degrees Celsius**, with minimums ranging from **22 to 25 degrees Celsius** over the coming days.
- **Ujh Multipurpose Project Work to Begin Soon:** Union Minister Jitendra Singh announced that work on the Ujh Multipurpose Project in Udhampur, taken up after nearly **100 years**, will start soon in a phased manner to address regional water needs. The tender for the Dhar Road four-laning DPR, initiated after nearly **60 years**, has been floated. A **~5 km** Billawar-Bani stretch awaits forest clearance.

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Sukrala temple construction will cost **Rs 1 crore** under MPLADS, with the Jal Jeevan Mission framework replaced by a new execution plan.

- **Dehradun Set to Miss October 15 Road Repair Deadline:** Dehradun's district administration is likely to miss its **October 15** deadline for repairing damaged roads, as inspections of **92** identified stretches remain incomplete. Of **46** officials assigned by District Magistrate Ashish Chauhan to submit reports by **October 1**, only **36** had complied. Complaints persist across GMS Road, Mothrowala, Sahastradhara Road, and Shimla Bypass, with residents citing poor repair durability, unsafe open drains, and disruption from repeated digging by multiple agencies.
- **NICO Nanobubbles Offer Next-Gen Cooling Tower Treatment:** NICO Nanobubble India outlines nanobubble technology (bubbles below **200 nm**) for cooling towers and cooling-water piping in power plants, refineries, and data centres. Ozonated nanobubbles can achieve **80–85%** gas-transfer efficiency, cut oxidizing-biocide demand by **20–50%**, and reduce biofilm and fouling indicators by **20–40%**. Raising cycles of concentration from **3 to 5** can lower blowdown by **~50%** and make-up water demand by **10–20%**. Overall operating-cost savings of **10–25%** are projected, with cleaning and maintenance costs down **15–30%**.

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