

## HM-Mitsubishi readying new products

■ THE HM-Mitsubishi joint venture is getting ready to launch a few new models in 2012. While the company said it would have preferred to launch them or at least unveil them at the forthcoming Auto Expo, the floods in Thailand have restricted them from going ahead with that plan.

The first product will be a redone Pajero. The Pajero sold in India is sold in very select markets and looking at the high demand of the SUV in India, the company has taken this step. The changes though will be mostly superficial and limited to new bumpers, grilles and headlights. Interior upholstery is also expected to be redone.

The company will also launch a new variant of the Ambassador.

This new car will be under the 4-metre mark and will comply to the small car norms. The Ambassador compact will be offered in petrol, diesel and CNG guises.

A host of commercial vehicles



are also on the cards. "One of our passenger carrier variants is expected to get approval from ARAI soon. Other variants based on the Ambassador platform are also in the pipeline." said Manoj Jha, managing director, Hindustan Motors.