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1. The death toll from Cyclone Ditwah in Sri Lanka has risen to 153. The number of people missing due to the rain and floods has risen to 191. Following this, the Sri Lankan Government has declared a state of emergency across the country.
 - i. Subsequently, India sent 29 tons of relief supplies, including food, medicine, and napkins, via two fighter jets of the Indian Air Force.
 - ii. Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake announced that a State of emergency is being declared as Cyclone Ditwah caused the worst damage in the last 8 years. He has also requested for International assistance.
 - iii. Following India, the United States announced that it would provide immediate financial assistance of \$2 million (Rs.17.8 crore) to Sri Lanka. US Ambassador to Sri Lanka Julie Chung assured that the United States would provide necessary assistance to the people affected by the rain and floods.
 - iv. Similarly, the Maldives announced that it would provide 50 thousand dollars (Rs. 44 lakh) in financial assistance and 25,000 cans of seafood (tuna) to Sri Lanka.
2. The Enforcement Directorate has alleged that Myanmar nationals illegally used the GST details of Indians for cross-border drug trafficking.
 - i. The Enforcement Directorate initiated its first-ever investigation into a drug trafficking case at the Indo-Myanmar border on Nov. 27.
 - ii. The Enforcement Directorate said: The Enforcement Directorate conducted searches under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act in Aizawl and Champay (Mizoram), Ahmedabad (Gujarat), and Sri Bhoomi (Karimganj) in Assam. It was revealed that Indians had purchased pseudoephedrine and caffeine anhydrous on behalf of Myanmar nationals and were involved in the manufacture and trafficking of drugs across the border.
 - iii. It was also found that individuals from Myanmar illegally used the GST information of Indians to purchase raw materials for the manufacture of methamphetamine tablets.
 - iv. India shares a 1,643 km border with Myanmar.
3. Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer Vivek Chaturvedi has been appointed as the Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
4. The Prime Minister Modi has instructed the police chiefs to take strict action against drug trafficking gangs.
 - i. A Conference of Police Chiefs comprising DGPs and IGs from across the country is being held in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The Conference was inaugurated by Union Home Minister, Amit Shah.
5. The West Bengal Governor C.V.Ananda Bose has taken steps to rename the Governor's House as People's House.
 - i. In a press release issued by the Governor in this regard, on March 27, 2023, the

President Droupadi Murmu presented a key of the Governor's House to the Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at the request of the Governor of West Bengal.

- ii. Following this, the Union Home Ministry issued an order dated November 25, 2025, renaming the Governor's House in Kolkata and the Governor's House in Darjeeling as Lok Bhavan (People's House).
6. The Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Minister P.K. Sekar Babu said that Vallalar International Conference will be held in Chennai at the end of January to add to the glory of Vallalar.
 - i. A consultative meeting regarding the preparatory work for the Thiru Arutprakasa Vallalar International Conference-2026 was held in Chennai under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister P.K. Sekar Babu.
 - ii. The Chief Minister M.K.Stalin announced that the birth anniversary of Thiru Arutprakasha Vallalar will be observed as a special day of grace. He also provided Rs.99.90 crore for the establishment of a Vallalar International Center in Vadalur as announced in the election manifesto.
7. The Winter Session of Parliament will be held from December 1 to 19, excluding holidays, with a total of 15 sittings. The Central Government plans to introduce 10 important bills in Parliament. Two more bills are ready for consideration and passage by Parliament.
 - i. Of the 10 bills, 4 are related to the finance sector, 2 are related to the law and justice. There is one bill each related to education, energy, transport and home.
 - ii. The important ones are the Constitutional Amendment related to Chandigarh, the Higher Education Commission Bill, and the Atomic Energy Bill that allows for private participation.
 - iii. Atomic Energy Bill: The opposition parties believe that the Atomic Energy Bill proposed by the Central Government could end the Public Sector monopoly of the Nuclear Power Corporation of India (NPCI). According to this bill, financial and other participation facilities of private and foreign companies will be allowed in the nuclear energy sector in a controlled manner. However, critics say that this move is tantamount to compromising the security and Sovereignty of the Country, which has been protected till date.
 - iv. Higher Education Commission Bill: The Higher Education Commission of India (Repeal of UGC Act) Bill aims to bring together the supervision of universities and professional educational institutions under a single regulatory body, replacing the UGC, AICTE and NCTE. This is aimed at providing quality education as per the National Education Policy 2020. However, senior Congress member Digvijay Singh has criticized it as 'excessive hyper-centralization' and senior DMK member Kanimozhi has criticized it as 'reactionary'.
 - v. Insurance Laws (Amendment) Bill: According to this, capital access in the insurance sector will be facilitated. Direct licensing and investment by foreign

companies in the insurance sector will increase. However, this is a dangerous outcome, say the Congress and the Left parties.

- vi. Similarly, the Central Government is planning to introduce the Corporate Laws (Amendment) Bill, the Central GST Amendment Bill, and the Manipur Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, which will include emergency provisions to align with the Emergency Act.
 - vii. The National Highways (Amendment) Bill, to be introduced by the Ministry of Transport, says that the Central Government will facilitate a speedy and transparent land acquisition process for National Highways. However, the opposition parties allege that the provision of equal compensation is against the farmers who give up the land.
 - viii. The 131st Amendment Bill to the Constitution will be introduced by the Union Home Ministry. According to this, the President will be able to directly enact laws in the Union Territory of Chandigarh. This will allow the Chandigarh administration to be changed from Punjab's control. Punjab's Shiromani Akali Dal says that this move is a 'direct attack on Punjab's rights and violates the basic principles of federalism.' The opposition parties argue that it is impossible to discuss and pass such bills in a short period of time. Trinamool Congress Rajya Sabha Chairman Derek O'Brien says that the opposition parties will strongly oppose this as it is a tactic of the ruling Coalition Government to indirectly crush the Federal System.
8. Heavy monsoon rains in Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia last week caused flooding and landslides in various areas. The death toll has crossed 460.
9. The Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese (62) and his wife Judy Hayden (47) have married.
- i. This is the first time in the 124-year history of the Australian Federal Government that a Prime Minister has married while in office.