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1. The Election Commission of India has announced an extension of the entire schedule of Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls in nine States and three Union Territories by a week.
 - i. The announcement came after opposition parties alleged that the short deadline was creating problems for voters and election officials working on the ground.
 - ii. The SIR exercise is being carried out in nine states – Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal – and three Union Territories – Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and Puducherry – from November 4.
2. Pope Leo XIV visits the Blue Mosque in Istanbul, Turkey.
 - i. He has begun his foreign trip to Turkey and Lebanon since being elected Pope. During his third day in Turkey, he visited an Islamic shrine for the first time.
3. The Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has apologized to the Country's President for his long-running corruption scandal.
 - i. Benjamin Netanyahu is facing charges of fraud, breach of trust, and bribery in three separate cases. However, he has not been convicted in any of them.
 - ii. This is the first time in Israel's history that a sitting Prime Minister has faced a corruption trial.
4. India lost 57–81 to strong Saudi Arabia in the FIBA Basketball World Cup qualifiers.
 - i. The 20th Basketball World Cup will be held in Qatar in August–September 2027. Except for host Qatar, other teams can enter the global basketball festival through the qualifiers.
5. The winter session of Parliament will begin on Monday (Dec. 1). In this, the Central Government plans to introduce 14 bills, including allowing private sector participation in the Nuclear Energy sector for public use and setting up the Higher Education Commission of India.
 - i. Bills: Atomic Energy Bill–2025, Higher Education Commission of India Bill, Insurance Amendment Bill–2025 (a bill that will allow 100 percent foreign investment in the insurance sector), National Highways Amendment Bill, Corporations Amendment Bill, Securities Market Code (SMC) Bill–2025, Central Excise Amendment Bill–2025 (a bill to impose excise duty on harmful goods), Health Security and National Security Additional Levy Bill–2025, Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Sections) Bill, Bankruptcy Amendment Bill, etc. are to be introduced.
 - i. The first batch of Supplementary Demands for Grants for the current FY 2025–26 will be presented.
6. India has emerged as a major power in the 'Asia Power Index–2025' list of powerful countries in the Asian continent based on economic and military strength.
 - i. This recognition came after India demonstrated its military strength internationally through Operation Sindoor.
 - ii. This information was given in the results of a study conducted by the

Lowy Research Institute of Australia for the year 2025. However, India's influence in Asia is less compared to China.

- iii. The study was conducted on the basis of economic wealth, military strength, influence of countries, diplomatic relations, cultural development, and good relations with other countries in the Asian continent.
 - iv. In this, the United States is at the first place with 80.5 points. Although the United States is not located in the Asian continent, it has continued to be influential in various levels on the Continent. This shows that most Asian countries are supportive of America and dependent on America.
 - v. China is in second place in this list with 73.7 points. India is in third place with 40 points. India has also emerged as a major power in Asia by scoring 40 points.
 - vi. India has risen from third place last year in the category of countries that have developed economic capacity to the top. In this, India has overtaken Japan. The main reason for this is the large amount of foreign investment coming to India. India has advanced to 9th place in the category of countries that have strengthened economic relations.
 - vii. Above all these, the study says that India's economic and military capabilities have improved significantly in 2025. It is said that India's economy is continuing to grow well, technological capabilities are improving, and its attitude towards other countries is good. India has emerged as a major power by demonstrating its military strength internationally through the 'Operation Sindhu'. At the same time, India has fallen two places to 11th place in the categories of cyberattacks, combating cybercrime, and strong military communication.
 - viii. However, the study said that India has advanced one step ahead of China in countries receiving the most foreign investment.
7. The Indian Air Force's MI-17 V5 helicopters have been deployed to rescue people trapped in the floods caused by Cyclone 'Ditwah' in Sri Lanka.
- i. The death toll due to the rains in Sri Lanka since last Thursday has risen to 334 and the number of missing persons to 370. Due to this, a state of emergency has been declared there. Following this, the Government has allowed the District Chief Administrative Officers to spend a maximum of Rs.1.45 crore for emergency needs.
 - ii. 11.18 lakh people from 3.09 lakh families across the country have been affected. Indian Air Force's MI-17 V5 helicopters have been sent to rescue them.
 - iii. Already, 6.5 tons of relief materials, including food and medicines, were sent under the 'Operation Sagar Bandhu' initiative on board the warships INS Vikrant and INS Udayagiri, which went to participate in the 75th anniversary of the Sri Lanka Navy.
8. The three-day All India DGPs and IGs Conference, held in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, on the theme 'Viksit Bharat: Security Dimensions', concluded with the address of Prime Minister Modi.

9. The State Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister M.R.K. Panneerselvam said that a survey will be carried out by December on the Agricultural Lands affected by heavy rains and appropriate relief will be provided.
- i. The Aruval Mookkhu project is being carried out at a cost of Rs.81.12 crore as a permanent flood control work in the Thiyagavalli area of Kurinjippadi union in Cuddalore district.

