

December 5, 2025–Dinamani Newspaper Titbits

1. The Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in India to participate in the 23rd India–Russia Summit.
 - i. Meanwhile, India is planning to sign a Free Trade Agreement with the Eurasian Economic Union, which includes Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. These are expected to be discussed by both sides at the summit.
 - ii. India has expressed interest in purchasing additional S-400 air defense systems from Russia, which can attack and destroy targets in the air from the ground. India has expressed interest in purchasing additional S-400 air defense systems, which have proven to be very effective during the 'Operation Sindhu' operation against Pakistan.
2. West Indies spinner Sunil Narine became the first bowler to take 600 wickets in T20 cricket league matches.
3. The Rajya Sabha Chairman C.P. Radhakrishnan sternly told the opposition parties that only the matters already listed under Rule 267 can be debated.
 - i. For the last 20 years, the opposition parties have been continuously demanding that some other matters be debated in every session of Parliament, other than the matters already listed under Rule 267. But their demands have not been accepted so far.
 - ii. In this context, Rajya Sabha Chairman C.P. Radhakrishnan has been rejecting the notices given by the opposition members under this rule in the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament that began last Monday. He alleged that the opposition parties were misusing these notices to disrupt the day-to-day business of the House.
 - iii. Debate only 3 times: He said this in the Rajya Sabha: On the basis of the recommendations of a Committee headed by former Vice President Krishankanth and comprising former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, former President Pranab Mukherjee and legal expert Fali Nariman, Rule 267 was amended on May 15, 2000. Accordingly, the Committee recommended avoiding the use of this rule to discuss unlisted matters. This rule has been used only 3 times from 1988 to 2000. Since the amendments made in 2000, there has been no debate under Rule 267.
 - iv. He informed that Rule 267 in the Rajya Sabha cannot be equated with an Adjournment Motion in the Lok Sabha, which is permitted under Article 75(3) of the Constitution.
4. The Central Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2025, which seeks to impose excise duty on tobacco products including cigarettes, has been passed by the Rajya Sabha.
 - i. Earlier, the Lok Sabha had approved the bill. Subsequently, the bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. At that time, the bill was approved by voice vote and sent back to the Lok Sabha.
 - ii. Currently, 28 percent GST and additional cess are levied on cigarettes, tobacco, hookah, jharta and other tobacco products.
 - iii. In this situation, if the new bill passed in Parliament becomes law, it has been

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recommended to impose 60 to 70 percent excise duty on unmanufactured tobacco products. It has been recommended to impose 25 percent excise duty on cigars or Rs. 5,000 per 1,000 cigars. 65 mm. Excise duty will be levied at a rate of Rs. 2,700 per 1,000 cigarettes for non-filter cigarettes of length 65 mm to 75 mm, and Rs. 4,500 on cigarettes of length 65 mm to 75 mm.

- iv. The proposed 'Health Security se National Security Cess Bill, 2025' by the Central Government will not be levied on essential commodities; instead, it will be levied on non-essential commodities like pan masala that are harmful to health. It is being imposed to make people give up these items.
5. The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has classified the radiological medical devices used in the medical sector based on the side effects.
 - i. Accordingly, a total of 119 devices, depending on their nature, have been brought under the safety categories - 'A' to 'D'.
 - ii. The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) ensures the quality and safety of medical devices at various levels. In this regard, the devices used for radiotherapy have been divided based on side effects. Out of which, one device has been classified under category A, 25 devices under B, 75 devices under C and 18 devices under D.
 - iii. The Medical Device Regulation Rules state that Class A devices are the least risky, Class B devices are low to moderate risk, Class C devices are moderate to high risk, and Class D devices are high danger.
6. Cauvery River Water Management Authority Chairman - S.K. Halder
7. Renowned producer, AVM Saravanan (86), passed away in Chennai.
 - i. 'AVM Productions' is one of the oldest film production companies in the Indian film industry. AVM has produced more than 300 films in various languages, including Tamil.
 - ii. AVM Saravanan is one of the sons of its founder A.V. Meiyappa Chettiar.
 - iii. AVM was started in 1945.