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Operation Sagar Bandhu - India Extends Immediate Humanitarian Relief to Sri Lanka amid Cyclone Ditwah

In the wake of Cyclone *Ditwah*, which intensified from a deep depression near the Sri Lankan coast and made landfall on 27 November 2025, it is learned that Sri Lanka continues to face extensive flooding, landslides, and severe disruption to essential services across multiple districts. The cyclone has brought torrential rains and destructive winds to the eastern, central, and many regions island wide, causing widespread damage to homes, livelihoods, and critical infrastructure.

2 Responding swiftly to the emerging humanitarian needs, the Government of India has arranged urgent relief assistance to support ongoing Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) efforts for the affected families. **Operation Sagar Bandhu** is now underway. The relief provided so far, includes 4.5 tons of dry rations and 2 tons of fresh rations, consisting of staple foods, packaged and ready-to-eat items, dairy and bakery products, beverages, and other nutritional essentials to meet urgent household needs. In addition other essential survival items were also handed over. These supplies were provided from the Indian Naval Ships INS Vikrant and INS Udayagiri, which are currently in Sri Lanka.

3 In this challenging moment, India stands in solidarity with the people of Sri Lanka. Guided by its steadfast commitment to the “Neighbourhood First” policy, India remains fully committed to supporting Sri Lanka during this difficult time. Further assistance will continue to be coordinated in consultation with the authorities of the Government of Sri Lanka as the situation evolves.

4 India reaffirms its unwavering support to help Sri Lanka overcome this natural calamity and recover swiftly.

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