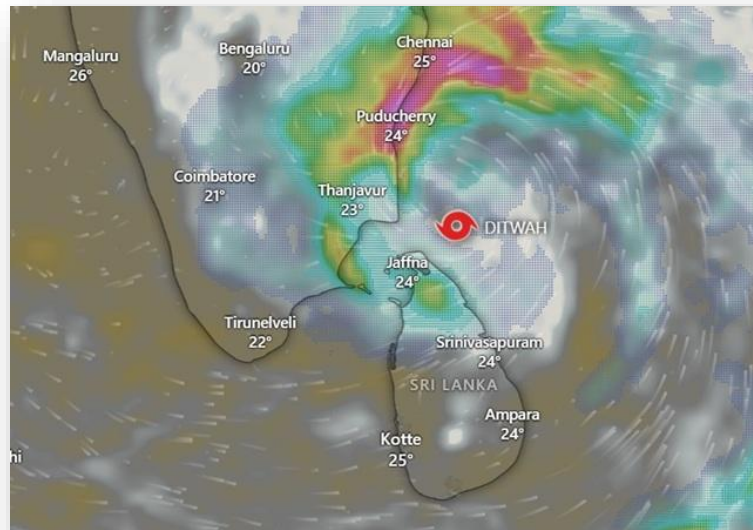


## - Ditwah Cyclone in Sri Lanka -

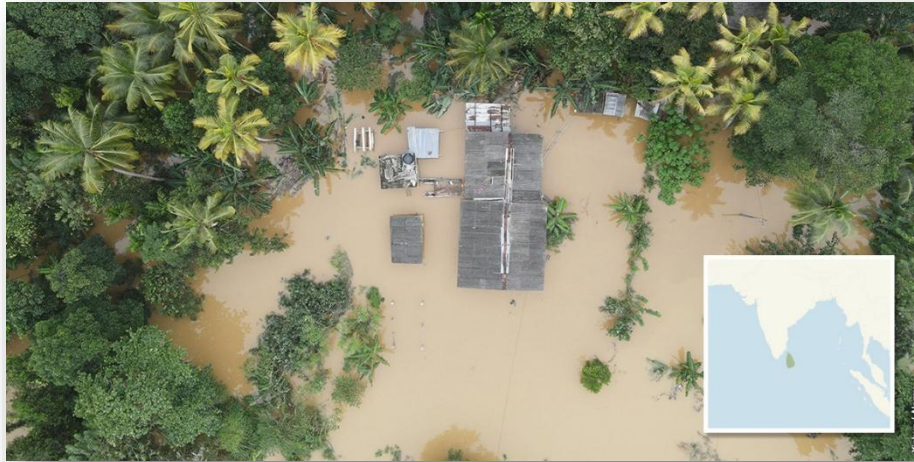


Sri Lanka is currently responding to the aftermath of cyclone Ditwah which struck the island in late November 2025 and is considered the country's worst natural disaster since the 2004 tsunami. The cyclone triggered catastrophic flooding and over 1900 landslides, affecting all 25 districts of the country. Approximately 2.3 million people were affected, with over 230000 displaced at the peak of the crisis.

Districts like Kandy, Nuwara Eliya and Badulla suffered the highest casualty rates due to massive landslide in tea growing regions. Kandy district was the hardest hit.



Colombo and Gampaha experienced severe flooding after the Kelani River reached historic levels, inundating dense urban neighborhoods. Districts including Puttalam, Mannar and Trincomalee faced widespread inundation and after the breaching of several tank bunds.



While floodwater have largely receded, the ongoing North-East Monsoon continues to pose risks of further rainfall and secondary landslide in already saturated hilly areas.

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