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Celebrating 78th INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA



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President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi and President of Sri Lanka H.E. Ranil Wickremesinghe at swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in New Delhi, 09 June 2024

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01 President H.E. Ranil Wickremesinghe meets Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi after the latter's swearing-in ceremony, 09 June 2024

02 Visit of EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar to Sri Lanka, 20 June 2024

Message from High Commissioner of India

H. E. Santosh Jha



My dear brothers and sisters from Sri Lanka,

Namaskar, Ayubowan, Vanakkam!

Greetings on the 78th Independence Day of India. India celebrates this Independence Day with resolve and determination to transform into a developed country, a Viksit Bharat, by its centenary in 2047.

Indian economy today is valued at USD 3.9 trillion, having recorded a growth of over 8% last year. It is the fifth-largest economy and is on its way to becoming the third largest within the next five years. Moreover, this economic growth is accompanied by congruent progress on India's green goals, with India being the fourth largest in the world for renewable energy installed capacity. This staggering rise is spectacular for it is happening within a democratic system of governance. Indian elections were hailed as democracy's greatest triumph with a record 642 million voters casting their ballot in a free and fair election process leaving no one behind.

As India prospers, it seeks to do so with its closest maritime neighbour and partner, Sri Lanka. Having registered an impressive recovery, Sri Lanka is on the path to reform, resurgence and rejuvenation. In order to realise potential synergies and push the region's growth bandwagon forward, the India-Sri Lanka partnership has connectivity as its central theme. The focus is on enhancing connectivity in all its dimensions – air, maritime, trade, digital, energy, people-to-people.

Over the last six months or so, the two countries have made significant progress in this regard. The modalities for Inter-grid power connection are nearing finalisation, aimed at fostering energy security for Sri Lanka in the near term, and building

export capacity for clean energy in the long term. Routes and nodes for air and maritime connectivity have been added. The most ambitious venture, the India-Sri Lanka Land Connectivity Corridor, is also making headway with both sides taking steps towards translating this game changing initiative into reality.

While India continues to be the largest trade partner, investor and source of tourists for Sri Lanka, work is underway to further expand these frontiers. Trade negotiations for an Economic and Technology Cooperation Agreement are advancing with the last round having been held in Colombo this July. UPI based payment systems were launched early this year, boosting the FinTech sector as well as enhancing ease of travel for Indian tourists in Sri Lanka.

Dear Friends, the projects above are solely in areas where India has domestically proven capabilities. We wish to share our success and growing prosperity with our closest civilizational twin- Sri Lanka. We want to support growth for Sri Lanka without imposing debt burdens. The endeavour is to make India -Sri Lanka friendship a vehicle of growth and progress for all of Sri Lanka and all its people.

They say, a picture speaks louder than a thousand words. As India's Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi took oath for his third term standing next to the President of Sri Lanka, it was a reaffirmation of India's Neighbourhood First Policy and SAGAR vision. A promise for this friendship founded on timeless trust and goodwill to transcend into a shared future of "Prospering Together".

Jai Hind.
Ayubowan. Vanakkam. Dhanyavad.

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“ Through Fintech connectivity, not only cross border transactions but also cross border connections will be strengthened. India's Unified Payment Interface, i.e. UPI, today is fulfilling a new responsibility- Uniting Partners with India. ”

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the launch of India's Digital Payments Connectivity with Sri Lanka & Mauritius, 12 February 2024

CATALYSING GROWTH WITH #DPI!



A conference on Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) held on March 26, 2024, explored DPI's potential benefits. The event commenced with an Opening Plenary featuring a keynote by President Wickremesinghe. The event included two additional sessions: "Accelerating Digital Sri Lanka," which focused on DPI adoption, and "Unlocking the Digital Stack," which discussed advanced use cases for start-ups.

STRENGTHENING RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE IN SRI LANKA



Minister of Transport, Highways and Mass Media of Sri Lanka Dr. Bandula Gunawardane and H.E. Santosh Jha launched track rehabilitation work at Galgamuwa Railway Station, under the second phase of USD 91.27 million of the Line of Credit project for Maho- Omanthai track rehabilitation, 07 January 2024

BOOSTING STARTUP CONNECT



An interactive session of key incubators of SLASSCOM, Hatch, ICTA, Lanka Angel Network etc with Dr. Shankar Raman, Chief of IIT Madras Incubator Parvartak, 25 March 2024



An interactive capacity building session organized in association with Startup India for various Sri Lankan startups, 26 March 2024



Invest India & International Solar Alliance with High Commission of India, Colombo, organized a workshop on "SolarX Startup Challenge" providing Sri Lankan startups an opportunity to participate and compete in the global challenge, 08 May 2024



A Capacity Building and Business Networking event for Sri Lankan startups held in collaboration with SLASSCOM. Pravartak, the startup incubator from IIT Chennai, participated, and an MoU was signed between Pravartak and SLASSCOM during the event, 18 June 2024



On 12 February 2024, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Sri Lankan President H.E. Ranil Wickremesinghe, and Mauritian Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Pravind Jugnauth jointly inaugurated Unified Payment Interface (UPI) services in Sri Lanka and Mauritius



Giving a boost to the fintech connectivity, PhonePe was launched in Sri Lanka, 16 May 2024

DRIVING SHARED PROGRESS



An event titled "Energising India-Sri Lanka Ties through Cooperation in Renewable Energy" held to explore new collaboration opportunities following the first Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting on renewable energy, 11 March 2024



The 5th Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting discussed power project implementation and cooperation in Colombo in February 2024



The 14th round of negotiations between Sri Lanka and India on the Economic and Technology Cooperation Agreement (ETCA) held in Colombo in June 2024

VISION FOR A SYNERGETIC JOURNEY



Affirming the people-centric policies of Government of India the ferry service between Nagapattinam and Kankesanthurai (KKS) commenced, 14 October 2023



Joint Technical Team on Power Grid Interconnection discussed the DPR and technical feasibility of the project in October 2023



The inaugural Joint Study Group meeting on a multi-product pipeline for Sri Lanka's domestic demand and exports held in November 2023

INDIA EMERGED AS SRI LANKA'S

LARGEST TRADE PARTNER IN LAST 4 YEARS



THE BIGGEST SOURCE OF IMPORTS



THE BIGGEST SOURCE OF FDI IN LAST 4 YEARS



THE LARGEST SOURCE MARKET OF TOURISTS



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“ This decade will be the decade of India's High Speed Connectivity, High Speed Mobility and High Speed Prosperity. ”

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi at the Republic Summit 2024 in New Delhi, 07 March 2024



India's first under-river metro tunnel built in Kolkata was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, 06 March 2024

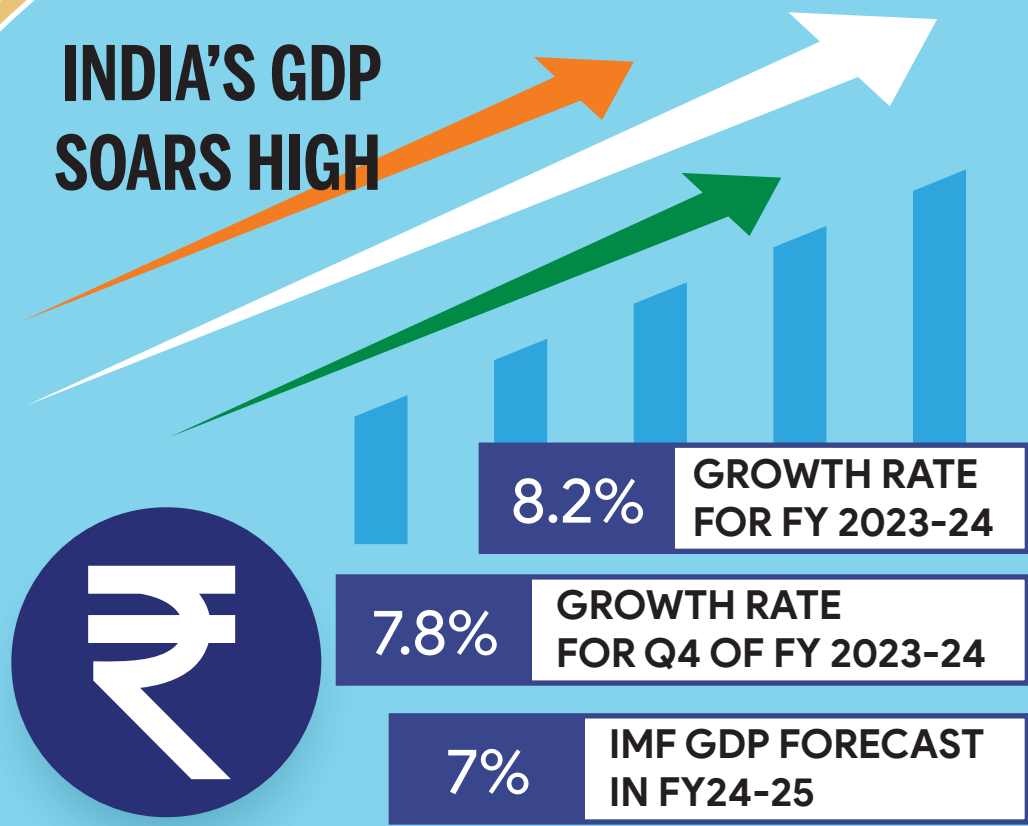


Asia's largest Aviation Expo-Wings India 2024 held between 18 - 21 January 2024 under the theme "Connecting India to the World in Amrit Kaal: Setting the Stage for India Civil Aviation @2047"



The new campus of Nalanda University at Rajgir, Bihar inaugurated by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi as a collaboration between India and East Asia Summit (EAS) countries, 19 June 2024

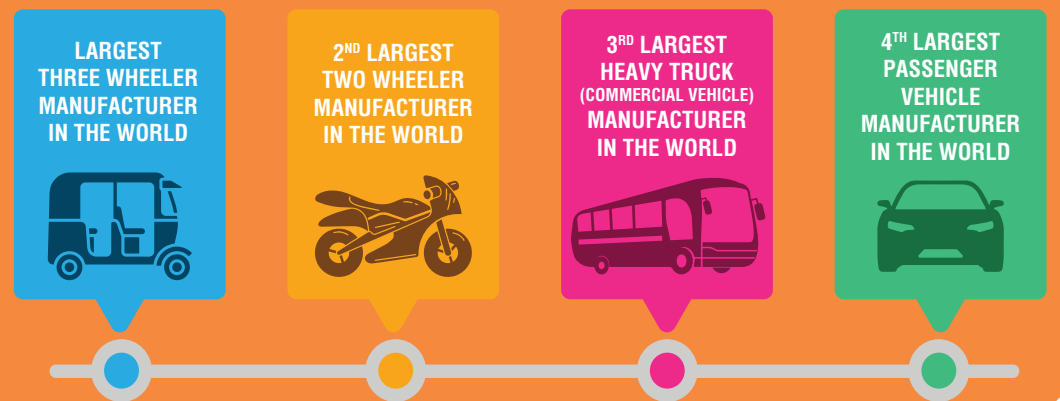
INDIA'S GDP SOARS HIGH



DRIVE INTO THE FUTURE FROM INDIA



Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2024 was held in New Delhi from 01 - 03 February 2024. Transport, Highways and Mass Media Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardane participated in the event and said "SL should benefit from Indian EV industry"



Source: Ministry of Heavy Industries, Government of India

DEMOCRACY'S GREATEST TRIUMPH

INDIA SETS A WORLD RECORD IN THE 2024 LOK SABHA ELECTIONS WITH



EMPOWERING INDIA'S DIGITAL FUTURE

INDIA'S GDP GAINED

0.9% FROM DIGITAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

2.9% TO 4.2% CONTRIBUTION PROJECTED TO INCREASE BY 2030



DRIVING INDIA'S AI REVOLUTION

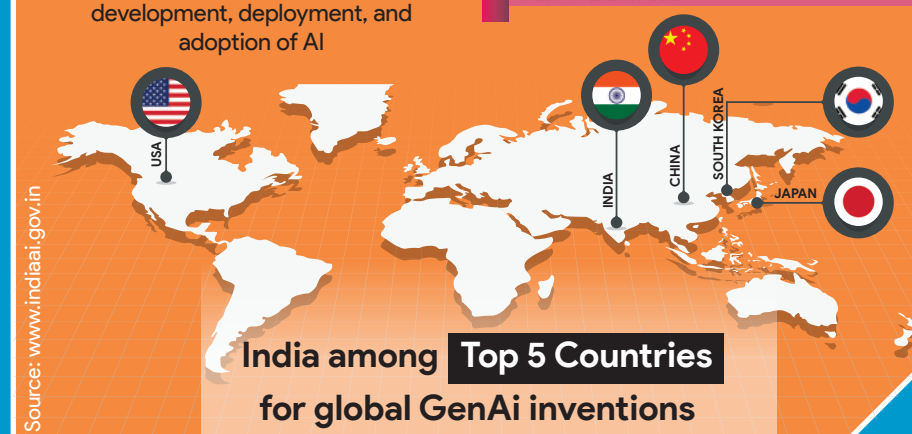
In furtherance to the vision of Making AI in India and Making AI Work for India, the Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the comprehensive national level IndiaAI mission with a budget outlay of Rs.10,371.92 crore



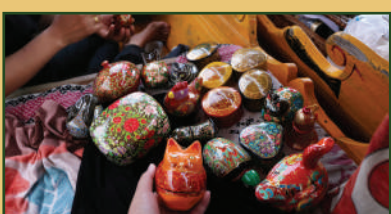
Global IndiaAI Summit 2024 was held in New Delhi 03-04 July 2024 focusing on India's commitment to advancing the responsible development, deployment, and adoption of AI

INDIA'S AI MISSION IS BASED ON THE PILLARS

- IndiaAI Compute Capacity
- IndiaAI Innovation Centre
- IndiaAI Datasets Platform
- IndiaAI Application Development Initiative
- IndiaAI FutureSkills
- IndiaAI Startup Financing
- Safe & Trusted AI



Srinagar has been officially recognised as a World Craft City by the World Crafts Council (WCC)



On the occasion of 10th International Day of Yoga (IDY), Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi led the International Yoga Day Celebrations at SKICC, Srinagar, 21 June 2024

2024 IAF World Space Award Winner! ISRO Chandrayaan-3 Team



Debris Free Space Missions (DFSM) aim to achieve debris-free space missions by all Indian space actors, governmental and non-governmental by 2030. India also encourages all other state space actors to follow this initiative for the long-term sustainability of Outer Space.

Intent for Debris Free Space Missions (DFSM) by 2030

Kozhikode becomes India's first UNESCO 'City of Literature'



"MADE IN INDIA" ON THE GLOBAL STAGE!

<p>'MADE IN INDIA' DOMINATES AMAZON'S BLACK FRIDAY & CYBER MONDAY SALE!</p> <p>amazon</p> <p>Indian exporters line up millions of 'Made in India' products for Amazon's Black Friday and Cyber Monday sale</p>	<p>Made-in-India Bicycles Take Over the World</p> <p>mint</p> <p>India ships bicycles to world bicycle capital, exports surge</p>	<p>AMUL TAKES India's Flavor to the World</p> <p>THE TIMES OF INDIA</p> <p>Amul goes international with launch in US</p>	<p>'MADE IN BIHAR' boots Gear Up Russian Army</p> <p>Business Standard</p> <p>Russian Army marches on 'Made in Bihar' boots manufactured in Hajipur.</p>	<p>UPI GOES GLOBAL</p> <p>DH</p> <p>Seven countries where Indians can use UPI to make payments</p>	<p>BRAHMOS SHAKTI IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA</p> <p>India-made BrahMos missiles are finally in the Philippines</p>
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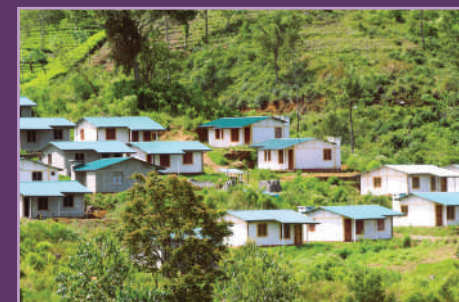
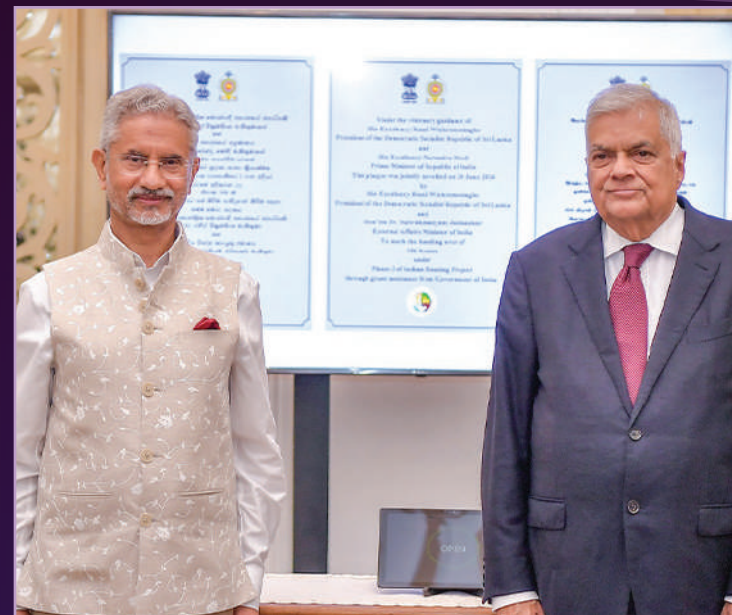


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“ Confident that our development assistance and capacity building programs will keep delivering for the aspirations of people of Sri Lanka. ”

-EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar during his visit to Sri Lanka in June 2024



In a testament to the comprehensive and people-centric nature of India-Sri Lanka development cooperation, President H.E. Ranil Wickremesinghe and EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar jointly handed over 48 houses under Model Village Housing Project in Colombo and Trincomalee districts; 106 houses under Phase III of the Indian Housing Project in Kandy, Matale and Nuwara Eliya Districts on 20 June 2024.

FOSTERING PEOPLE-CENTRIC PARTNERSHIPS



Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority, Government of Sri Lanka and M/s. U Solar Clean Energy Solutions Pvt. Ltd signed the contract for the implementation of Hybrid Renewable Energy Systems in Delft, Nainativu and Analaitivu islands off Jaffna District in March 2024



Virtual launch of the construction of 1300 houses being built under Phase-IV of Indian Housing Project in 45 plantation estates across 10 Districts of Sri Lanka in February 2024



A new financial assistance scheme for underprivileged students in Eastern University in February 2024. A similar scheme was introduced earlier in University of Jaffna in December 2023



Handing over of digital equipment for establishment of Smart Classrooms in 200 schools in the Southern Province in July 2024



KEY COMMITTED AND ONGOING PROJECTS UNDER INDIAN GRANT ASSISTANCE

- Package of SLR 4.5 billion for promotion of Buddhism ties with Sri Lanka; initiatives include solar electrification of over 5000 Buddhist temples
- Sri Lanka Unique Digital Identity Project
- Comprehensive development of Kankesanthurai Port
- Development package of SLR 2.8 billion for plantation areas of Sri Lanka
- Multi-sectoral package of SLR 2.37 billion to support development of the Eastern Province

CURRENTLY, CLOSE TO 18 PROJECTS ARE ONGOING UNDER HIGH IMPACT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN SRI LANKA

AROUND 65 GRANT PROJECTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED



Construction of 150 bed multi- speciality hospital and supply of medical equipment at Dickoya for SLR 1.2 billion



1990 Suwa Seriya Emergency Ambulance Service for SLR 3.93 billion



Upgradation of Thondaman Vocational Training Center in Hatton for SLR 218 million



Construction of Kandyan Dancing School at Sri Dalada Maligawa for SLR 145 million



Renovation of 27 schools in the Northern Province for SLR 268 million



Construction of 115 houses in Sobitha Thero Village, Anuradhapura for SLR 451 million



Construction of houses under Grama Shakthi and Model Village Housing Projects across Sri Lanka



Construction of Transit Houses for pilgrims at Madhu Shrine, Mannar for SLR 401 million



Construction of rainwater harvesting tanks in Jaffna District for SLR 422 million



Upgradation of Saraswathy Central College, Pussellawa for SLR 101 million

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DEFENCE COOPERATION

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India and Sri Lanka enjoy a strong defence relationship pillared on close linkages between our forces. The commonality of security concerns and challenges guides our bilateral defence exchanges. Defence cooperation with Sri Lanka encompasses myriad activities in numerous domains including training, joint exercises, supply of military equipment, high level bilateral visits and annual dialogues at various levels accompanied by periodic bilateral goodwill visits by Navy and Coast Guard ships.



Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC), a nerve centre for Search and Rescue operations at sea established with an Indian grant of USD 6 million jointly commissioned in a virtual ceremony during the official visit of EAM Dr. S Jaishankar, 20 June 2024



PORT CALLS TO SRI LANKA

DEFENCE EXCHANGES FOR SHARED GALLANTRY



9th edition of India-Sri Lanka joint military exercise MITRA SHAKTI conducted in Pune, 16-29 November 2023



Annual India-Sri Lanka Navy bilateral maritime exercise SLINEX 2023 held in Colombo, 3-8 April 2023. INS Kiltan and Savitri along with Chetak helo and IN Dornier had joined from IN side and SLNS Vijayabahu and SLNS Sagara from SLN had participated in the exercise



MILAN, the multilateral naval exercise hosted by the Indian Navy for the 12th time, from 19-27 February in the Visakhapatnam Port and in the Bay of Bengal



Artificial limbs were provided to 1000 beneficiaries, including civilians and Sri Lanka armed forces personnel in Colombo and Jaffna from 02 May 2024 to 20 June 2024



Indian Coast Guard Ship Sachet, an Offshore Patrol Vessel, visited Colombo port to deliver essential spare parts worth USD 1.2 million gratis for Sri Lanka Coast Guard Ship Suraksha, 19-21 June 2024



The India-Sri Lanka Defence Seminar and Exhibition, aimed at promoting cooperation in defence production, 10 April 2024



The Indo-American Naval War College Conference, themed "Strengthening Global Maritime Partnerships", was attended by Sri Lanka Navy Commander Vice Admiral Priyantha Perera, co-hosted at the Indian Naval War College in Goa, 16-18 April 2024

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“ My mission is that India becomes the center of education and knowledge for the world. ”

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi at the inauguration of Nalanda University Campus, 19 June 2024



The India - Sri Lanka Foundation, established in 1998, aims to strengthen relations between the two countries through economic, scientific, educational, technical, and cultural cooperation. Over the past 25 years, the Foundation has funded around 600 projects worth over SLR 160 million, with more than 360 projects implemented in Sri Lanka. Recent initiatives include staff training on liver transplants, STEM education workshops, and performing arts workshops for the disabled community in the tea plantation sector.



Staff of Colombo North Center for Liver Diseases at the Rela Hospital in Chennai during the training



A STEM education session conducted for the school children of the Northern Province by a scholar from IIT Gandhinagar



Performing arts workshop conducted for the disabled community in the plantation sector in the Gouravilla Community Hall, Nuwara Eliya

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES FOR SRI LANKAN STUDENTS

Nehru Memorial Scholarship Scheme 120 annual scholarships for higher studies in India, covering various disciplines	Rajiv Gandhi Scholarship Scheme 25 scholarships for IT/BE/B Tech studies in top-ranked Indian institutes	Study in India Program 100,000+ Seats and tuition fee waivers for Sri Lankan students in 160+ premier institutes	Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme 05 ICCR scholarships UG, PG and for PhD courses
Mahatma Gandhi Scholarship 150 scholarships to Sri Lankan students chosen on basis of performance in O' Level examination and merit-cum-means criteria. Selected scholars receive financial assistance to complete A'Level studies	Maulana Azad Scholarship Scheme 50 scholarships for Masters Level Courses, with preference given to Agriculture, MSc, and M Tech	Highly Subsidized Self-Financed Slots 1 to 2 slots for Sri Lankan students in reputed government institutions for Undergraduate courses in MBBS, (B.Pharm.), etc. under self-financing arrangements	
Ceylon Estate Workers Education Trust (CEWET) 350 scholarships to Sri Lankan students pursuing A/L and University studies. Stipend for A/L students for two years or until completion of studies, and for University students until graduation	Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC) 75% coverage of Institutional Economic Cost (IEC) up to US\$ 4,000 per annum for Undergraduate scholarships to NRIs/PIOs/OCIs in Sri Lanka and globally	AYUSH Scholarships About 10-12 scholarships are offered every year for study in the field of Ayurveda, Homeopathy, Siddha and Unani leading to Undergraduate, Masters and Research degrees	

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BRIDGING EDUCATION IN SANSKRIT AND AYURVEDA

ICCR organized an international conference on 04-05 December 2023 at New Delhi. This first-of-its-kind Global Conference brought together Heads of Departments and senior academics from universities across the world, specializing in Indology, Hindi/Sanskrit or any other Indian languages, Yoga, Ayurveda, Buddhist studies and Indian classical dances & music. This event is so important and beneficial to us because it's created more collaborations with Indian Universities and also created more openings to expand scholarships in future for Ayurveda graduates in Sri Lanka.

Prof. Pathirage Kamal Perera
Faculty of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

The Knowledge India International Convention 2023, organized by ICCR, was a great opportunity for us as Sanskrit scholars. During this event, we were able to share our experiences on Sanskrit teaching and learning with delegates from all over the world. It was a very useful platform for recognizing the strengths and weaknesses of Sanskrit and Indic Studies. I would like to extend my thanks to His Excellency, the Prime Minister of India, the Director of ICCR, and the Director of SVCC, Sri Lanka.

Prof. K. B. Jayawardhana
Head, Department of Sanskrit and Eastern Studies, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

76012 VISAS ISSUED
FROM 01 JAN TO 30 JUNE 2024



OVER 7500 GRATIS VISAS ISSUED FOR PILGRIMAGE TOURISM



Cross Border Energy Trading – NTPC Business School, New Delhi



ITEC DAY - 2023



First Capacity Building Program for the Civil Servants of Sri Lanka at National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG), Mussoorie



Second Capacity Building Program for the Civil Servants of Sri Lanka at National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG), Mussoorie

402 Fully-funded slots offered every year to Sri Lankan Government nationals for short-term training programs to enhance their skill-set

352 Sri Lankans participated in ITEC and e-ITEC programs in diverse sectors in 2023-2024 from Sri Lanka

120 Civil servants from Sri Lanka trained at the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG), Mussoorie, in Crime Scene Management, Cyber Crimes Investigations, and Artificial Intelligence



India's technical cooperation program, empowers developing nations by offering fully-funded skill-building opportunities and expert support, aiming to bridge knowledge gaps and foster sustainable development across diverse sectors

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EXPANDING OUTREACH

CONNECTING THOUGHT LEADERSHIP!



An interaction with leading think-tanks of Sri Lanka: Emphasizing limitless potential of India-Sri Lanka partnership and the critical role of the civil society in realising this potential, 19 April 2024



Marking the inauguration of the Sri Lanka - India Media Friendship Association with participants from the media familiarization tours to India, 29 May 2024



#PLANT4MOTHER

'Sri Lanka-India Friendship Arch' inaugurated by the Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana and High Commissioner H.E. Santosh Jha at the National Sandalwood Garden, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte As part of the #Plant4Mother campaign initiated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, 08 August 2024

TRENDING TOGETHER!



Digital content creators from Sri Lanka participated in the first-ever familiarization visit to India organized by the Ministry of External Affairs, India. During the tour they experienced glimpses of India's rich art, heritage, culture, and hospitality, alongside rapid modernization through EVs, renewable energy, digital payments, and mobility solutions

MOBILE BUDDHIST EXHIBITION ON INDIA'S RICH BUDDHIST HERITAGE



The mobile exhibition "India's Buddhist Heritage" showcasing photographs of Buddha's life and prominent pilgrimage sites in India at various Buddhist places of worship on every Poya day

Ms. Senuri Rupasinghe
Participant of the Familiarization tour of Social Media Influencers to India 2024



“ During this visit I realized India is much more than going to see Taj Mahal or the Red Fort. The country has its own architecture, natural beauty, culinary variants, rich history, fast growing technology and its outcomes. The more you stay within the country the more you want to explore. From beautiful heritage to modern services, India is definitely a top destination of mine as I'm yet to discover the other cities & their histories behind. My favourite from the cities we visited would be Jaipur. The breathtaking paintings, structures, yards of material and prints got me stunned. Jaipur made me feel as if I'm a princess when capturing the moments inside the city palace. Keeping aside the the beauty you see, the beauty within you feel from the people because of their warm hospitality was another reason to visit our neighbouring country soon again. At last the relationships we build with the Indian journalists, content creators, entrepreneurs and other individuals during this visit still continue up to date and will be priceless. ”



Dr. Prasad Perera
Participant of the Familiarization tour of Social Media Influencers to India 2024

“ I joined seven Sri Lankan digital media influencers on an enchanting exploration of India, delving into its vibrant culture, architectural marvels, and pulsating energy. We marveled at Jaipur's Hawa Mahal, explored local markets, and savored authentic flavors. I was particularly struck by India's rapid development as a world superpower, marked by advancements in technology, renewable energy, and robust financial infrastructure. As we bid farewell to India, we carried with us memories of a journey that had touched our hearts and expanded our horizons, celebrating the shared humanity of the human experience. ”

BUILDING CAPACITY

A 2-week training program in India for Sri Lankan media professionals under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC). The training focused on the latest media trends, fact-checking, AI usage, data journalism, and included vibrant field visits to media houses, cultural, and heritage sites in India

Mr.G.Dileepamathan
Participant of two-week ITEC training programme on Media Management India, 2024



“ The two-week training conducted for us in Hyderabad under the auspices of the Ministry of External Affairs of India had so far impressed us on that soil. It was there that I saw for the first time the bustling city green. I didn't feel like I was in another country during my two weeks there. The culture of the Kakatiyas in Warangal district had a natural attraction for me. A two-hour boat ride on the Krishna River gave me a new experience. A visit to Telangana State Police Integrated Command & Control Centre & Hyderabad City Police Commissionerate is also worth mentioning. I was amazed to see how they use A.I. technology to control traffic. My prediction is that if this is implemented everywhere, the number of traffic violations will decrease drastically. ”

“ The ITEC training program in media management provided a valuable opportunity for Sri Lankan journalists to improve their skills. The program covered essential topics such as emerging technologies, AI, and digital media as well as my favourite data journalism, RTI, and the engaging sessions equipped the participants with knowledge. We can also get a broad understanding of the background and share the knowledge acquired among journalists and citizens of our country. And the involvement of high-ranking officials underscores the importance of the program. It provided a platform for knowledge sharing and networking among media professionals. ”

Mr. Rahul Samantha Hettiarachchi
Participant of two-week ITEC training programme on Media Management India, 2024



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Continuing Saga of Civilizational Twins



SWAMI VIVEKANANDA CULTURAL CENTRE (SVCC)

Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC) is the cultural arm of the High Commission of India, playing a vital role in strengthening the cultural connect between India and Sri Lanka. SVCC organizes diverse activities like music, dance, cultural festivals, workshops and exhibitions involving people from both countries. It also provides a wide range of classes such as Hindi, Yoga, Kathak, Bharatnatyam and Carnatic vocal music.



01 World Hindi Day celebrated in Colombo in January 2024

02 India's 75th Republic Day celebrated with a dance ensemble titled 'Sringar – Tapestry of Classical Indian Dance Forms,' in January 2024

03 World Unani Day celebrated with a joint event by the Faculty of Indigenous Medicine at the University of Colombo in February 2024

04 The International Gita Mahotsav in March 2024

05 Paper-craft workshop for children in April 2024

06 The 75th Foundation Day of ICCR celebrated in April 2024

07 Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore's 163rd birth anniversary celebrated in May 2024

08 Vesak exhibition at Seemamalakaya, Gangaramaya Temple reflecting Lord Buddha's life in May 2024

09 A Digital room titled 'Buddham Sharanam Gacchami' at Seemamalakaya, Gangaramaya Temple in Colombo in May 2024



A 10-Day Yoga Mahotsav celebrating the 10th International Day of Yoga (IDY) was launched by the High Commission of India in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism of the Government of Sri Lanka. Yoga Mahotsav 2024 saw yoga enthusiasts across iconic tourist locations in Sri Lanka from June 13 to 22, 2024.

