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Key takeaways from PRESIDENT ANURA KUMARA DISANAYAKA'S STATE VISIT TO INDIA

December 15-17, 2024

Fostering Partnerships for a Shared Future

- **India-Sri Lanka Joint Statement** agreed to by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Anura Kumara Disanayaka
- **Reaffirms commitment to mutually beneficial comprehensive partnership** for the well-being of the people of the two countries.
- **Covers cooperation across**
 - Development Cooperation
 - Training and Capacity Building
 - Debt Restructuring
 - Connectivity
 - Energy Development
 - People-Centric Digitization
 - Education and Technology
 - Trade and Investment Cooperation
 - Agriculture and Animal Husbandry
 - Strategic and Defence Cooperation
 - Culture and Tourism Development
 - Fisheries
 - Regional and Multilateral Cooperation

List of Outcomes

- **Protocol to amend the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement** to incorporate important international standards on prevention of treaty abuse
- **MoU for an operational framework for cooperation** between National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG), Government of India and Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA) for training and capacity-building of 1500 civil service officers of Sri Lanka over a five year period.
- **Grant assistance amounting to USD 14.89 mn** for the installation of an automatic Signalling and Telecommunication system for Sri Lankan Railways covering the section of Northern line from Maho to Anuradhapura.
- **Monthly Scholarships of SLR 7500 per student for 100 underprivileged students** each from University of Jaffna and Eastern University, Batticaloa.

A partnership that delivers for the people

- **Shift from debt-driven models towards investment-led partnerships** to ease debt burden of Government of Sri Lanka
- **India extends grant assistance of USD 20.66 mn** to settle payments due from Sri Lanka for projects completed under existing LOCs
- **Expedite implementation of**
 - Phase III & IV of Indian Housing Project,
 - 3 (three) Islands Hybrid Renewable Energy Project
 - High Impact Community Development Projects across Sri Lanka
 - Multi-sectoral assistance for Indian Origin Tamil community
 - Multi-sectoral assistance in Eastern Province
 - Solar electrification of religious places in Sri Lanka

Powering Energy, Propelling Investments, Promoting Growth

- **Leaders agreed to implement solar power project in Sampur** and further augment its capacity
- **Added momentum to Energy Projects**
 - Supply of LNG from India to Sri Lanka
 - High-capacity power grid interconnection
 - India-Sri Lanka Multi-product pipeline implemented by India, Sri Lanka and UAE
 - Development of Trincomalee as a regional energy and industrial hub
- **Cumulative Investments estimated to be over USD 2 bn**

People-centric Digitisation

- Leaders agreed to
 - Expedite India-assisted Sri Lanka Unique Digital Identity (SLUDI) grant project valued at **INR 300 Crores**
 - Establish a Joint Working Group to explore the implementation of a DPI stack in Sri Lanka
 - Extend the use of UPI digital payments for the benefit of both countries
 - Continue bilateral exchanges to garner learnings from India's Aadhaar platform, GeM portal, PM Gati Shakti digital platform, digitized customs and other taxation procedures.

“ We have adopted a futuristic vision for our partnership. We have laid emphasis on investment-led growth and connectivity in our economic partnership ”

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during the visit of the President of Sri Lanka to India, 16 December 2024



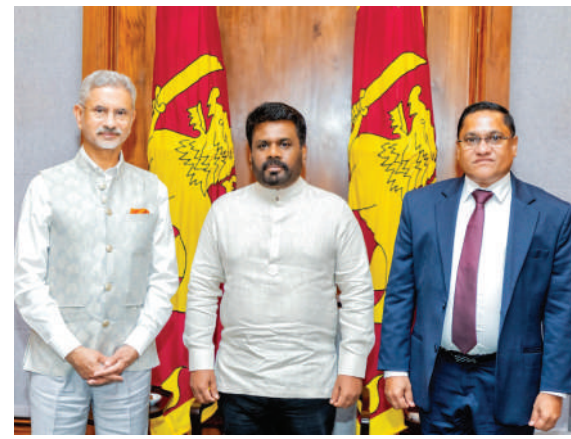
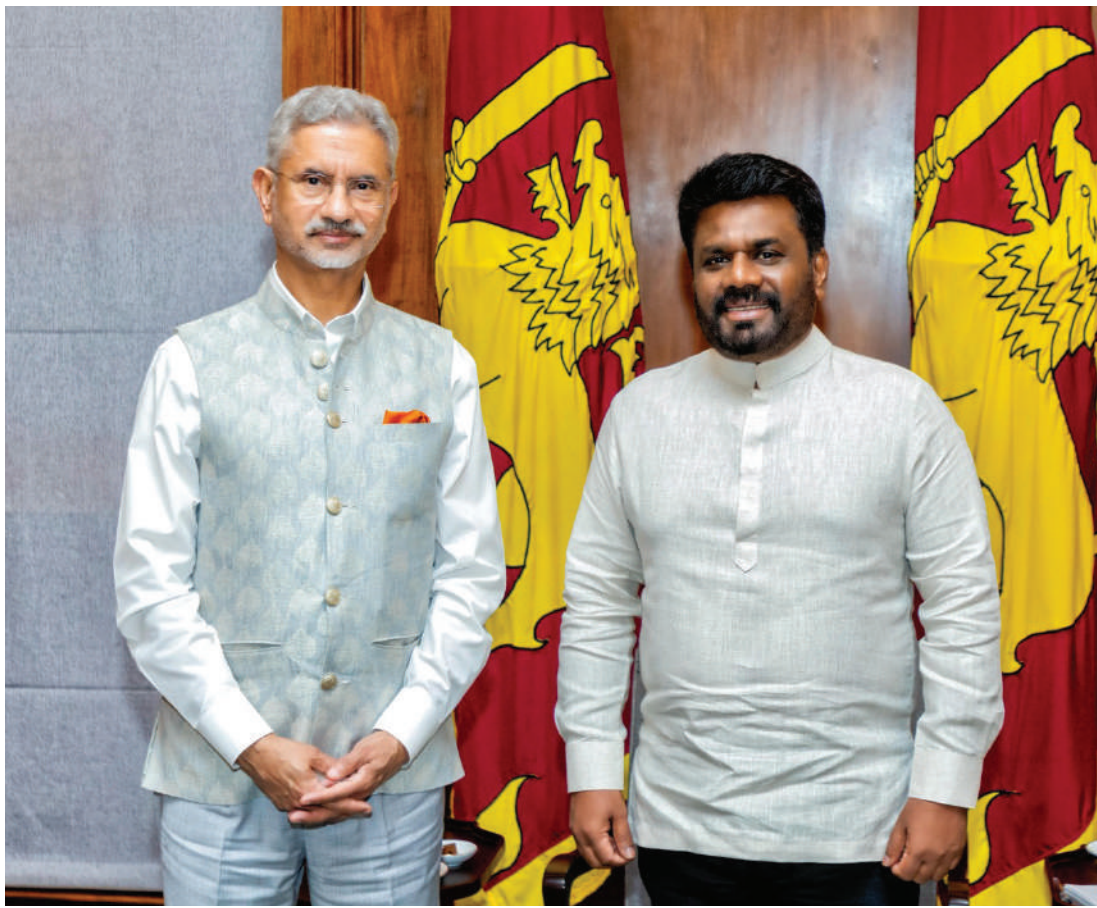
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Sri Lanka is key to both
India's Neighborhood
First policy
and SAGAR Outlook.

EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar during
President H.E. Anura Kumara
Disanayaka's visit to India,
15 December 2024

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EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar visited Sri Lanka in October 2024

1st incoming foreign dignitary to visit Sri Lanka after Presidential Election in 2024

Message from the Acting High Commissioner *Dr. Satyanjal Pandey*



My dear brothers and sisters from Sri Lanka,

Namaskar, Ayubowan, Vanakkam!

I convey my greetings to you as we celebrate India's 76th Republic Day. This occasion is particularly special this year around as the Constitution of India completes 75 years from its commencement. The Indian Constitution has proven to be a beacon of democracy, guiding the nation through transformation and growth. This day is not just about reflection but also about honoring the values and principles that have shaped India into the world's largest democracy and the fifth-largest economy.

India, the 'Mother of Democracy', is progressing through the early years of its Amrit Kaal, the centenary independence culminating with a Viksit Bharat in 2047, a developed India. It is apt that the theme of this Republic Day is "स्वर्णमि भारत - वरिसत और वकिस", reflective of Young India's resolve to modernise and develop while keeping our heritage and cultural ethos intact.

Let me share an ongoing instance where this theme will come alive for you. Friends, India is currently hosting the Maha Kumbh, the greatest human gathering on earth. Over 400 million people are expected to gather at the Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh to witness a once-in-144-year cosmic convergence of faith and festivity. This celebration of faith is interwoven with application of new tech- with AI and drones being used for crowd management, and high-tech sewage treatment plants developed through an ISRO-BARC collaboration being used for waste management along with bioremediation techniques.

This is the pathway to Viksit Bharat. On this path, we seek to be a partner in progress for our neighbours and the global community. Our mantra of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas is reflected in our Neighbourhood First Policy and SAGAR Vision.

Sri Lanka is a key partner under the rubric. India and Sri Lanka not only are fellow democracies, sharing in our diversity and dynamism, we are civilisational partners, sharing our history, language, religion and ethos. Our stories have intertwined — and our futures are interlinked. Our geographical proximity makes us natural partners and the same proximity demands a mutual sensitivity to each other's interests. It also requires each of us to support the other with an unmatched spontaneity, unencumbered by third party pulls and pressures.

India has time and again demonstrated that it is a dependable partner and a reliable friend for Sri Lanka. Whether it is natural disasters, mishaps at sea, the COVID pandemic or the recent economic crisis, India has come to Sri Lanka's assistance always as the first responder. Our support has been timely, quick and unconditional.

India today stands as the principal development partner of Sri Lanka with grants portfolio amounting to nearly USD 780 million. Continuing our efforts towards supporting Sri Lanka's fiscal stabilisation, we have converted USD 100 mn worth of developmental loan assistance into grants as well.

As Sri Lankan economy turns the corner, we are committed to support a more sustainable path to economic recovery, development and prosperity in Sri Lanka. For this reason, a strategic shift from debt-driven growth to investment-led partnerships across different sectors is underlined as the need of the hour in the Joint Statement adopted by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and President H. E. Anura Kumara Disanayaka during the latter's visit to India in December 2024.

We are working with Sri Lanka to expedite implementation of physical, energy and digital connectivity projects. Discussions are underway on the multi-product pipeline between India and Sri Lanka in partnership with UAE, inter-grid connectivity, Sampur Solar Power Plant, LNG Supply. We are optimistic for an early launch of the Sri Lanka Unique Digital Identity project to empower Sri Lanka with a whole suite of Digital Public Infrastructure, proven to improve efficiency of service delivery while curbing corruption.

The India-Sri Lanka partnership is akin to democracy which is people-led and people-centred. Capacity Building initiatives form one of the major pillars of our ties. These include training for 1500 civil servants, over a 1000 scholarship slots and the largest defence training numbers.

It is the bonds between our people that form the core of this partnership. India conferring Classical Language status to Pali, stimulates scholarship here. The Tamil poet and icon Thiruvalluvar finds as much respect and relevance here as in India. The Ramayana Trail in Sri Lanka and Buddhist Circuit in India continue to be the enduring threads of legend and devotion, connecting us in an imperishable fondness.

I look forward to your continued support and renewed vigour as co-ambassadors of the #IndiaSriLanka friendship to 'Foster Partnerships for a Shared Future'.

Jai Hind. Dhanyavad. Sthuthi. Nandri.

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By lifting 250 million people out of poverty in India, we have demonstrated that Sustainable Development can be Successful. And we are ready to share this experience of our success with the entire Global South.

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi at G 20 Session on "Social Inclusion and the Fight Against Hunger and Poverty" in Rio de Janeiro, 18 November 2024

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Maha Kumbh Mela 2025

The celebration of Spiritual Grandeur and Cultural Heritage



The Maha Kumbh Mela, the world's largest spiritual gathering, is a magnificent celebration of faith, culture, and ancient traditions, held four times over twelve years in rotation across four revered Indian cities. This year, the Maha Kumbh Mela unfolds from 13th January to 26th February, drawing millions to immerse themselves in its profound spiritual essence and vibrant cultural heritage.

DECADE OF INDIA IN DATA

How India Transformed Between 2014-2024

Mainstreaming the Marginalised with PMJDY

Jan Dhan Banking in India

Beneficiary Type	Accounts (in crore)
Rural/Semi-Urban	36.12
Urban/Metro	18.14
Total	54.26



World's largest financial inclusion drive

Growth in PMJDY Accounts (in crore)

14.72
March 2015



269%
Growth in PMJDY Accounts since March 2015

Source: PMJDY Dashboard

Building the Nation Responsibly

The Indian Automotive industry is the backbone of the country's economy. In FY 2023-24,

ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION

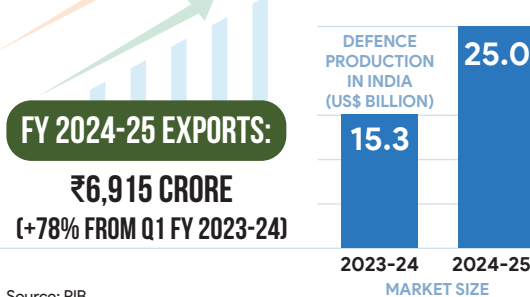
- AN ANNUAL TURNOVER OF AROUND RS 20 LAKH CRORE
- 6.8% CONTRIBUTION TO INDIA'S NATIONAL GDP
- 40% CONTRIBUTION TO INDIA'S MANUFACTURING GDP

GLOBAL STANDING

- 4TH LARGEST PASSENGER VEHICLE MANUFACTURER
- 2ND LARGEST TWO WHEELERS MANUFACTURER
- 5TH LARGEST COMMERCIAL VEHICLE MANUFACTURER
- LARGEST THREE WHEELERS MANUFACTURER

Source: SIAM

INDIA'S JOURNEY TOWARDS AATMANIRBHARTA IN DEFENCE



Source: PIB

India is stronger, self-reliant, and a global hub for defence manufacturing
- Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on the occasion of 78th Independence Day in New Delhi, 15 August 2024

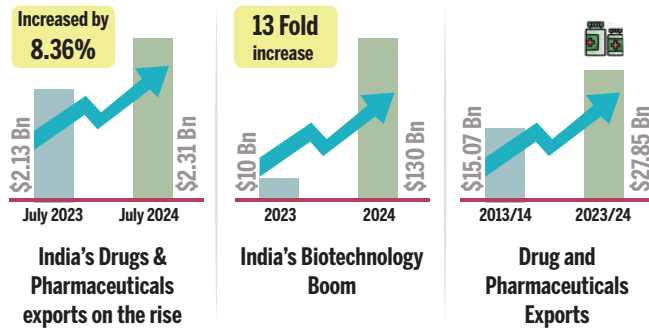


Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

Celebrating India's Global Diaspora, The 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention inaugurated by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, 09 January 2025

India: The World's Pharmacy

With a 10-12% growth rate, India's pharmaceutical sector is expected to reach \$100 billion by 2025



Source: PIB



President H.E. Anura Kumara Dissanayake visited the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendra at AIIMS, Delhi during his official visit to India, 17 December 2024

GenomeIndia

Indian Genomic Data Set & Indian Biological Data Centre (IBDC) portals launched in New Delhi, 09 January 2025

REVOLUTIONISING E-COMMERCE

3 YEARS OF ONDC

OPEN NETWORK FOR DIGITAL COMMERCE

- 150 million+ transactions
- 200+ network participants
- 7 lakh+ sellers & service providers
- Sellers from 600+ cities & towns

- Consumers from 1,100+ cities & towns transacted through network
- 7,000+ Farmer Producer Organisations onboard representing 35 lakh farmers
- MSME TEAM scheme launched to empower 5 lakh SMEs, 50% of beneficiaries are women-owned enterprises

By bridging the gap between sellers and buyers, ONDC continues to revolutionise the nation's e-commerce landscape!

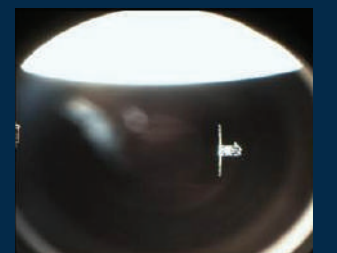


Sonamarg Tunnel in Jammu and Kashmir inaugurated by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, 13 January 2025



India's Gukesh D made history by winning the FIDE Candidates Chess Tournament 2024 in Toronto.

'India docked its name in space history! ... ISRO's SpaDeX mission accomplishes historic docking success. Proud to witness this moment!'
- ISRO



Creating history, ISRO successfully docked SpaDeX satellites in space in January 2025

India marked nine years of Startup India, on 16 January 2025

- Massive Growth From 500 startups in 2016 to 1.59 lakh startups across all 36 States and Union Territories by January 15, 2025
- As of October 31, 2024, a total of 73,151 recognised startups include at least one woman director
- The number of unicorns surged from 11 in 2016 to 118 in 2024
- From 2016 to October 31, 2024, recognised startups have created over 16.6 lakh direct jobs

Source: PIB



WAVES WORLD AUDIO VISUAL ENTERTAINMENT SUMMIT

India to host the World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES) for the first time in February 2025



Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue held in New Delhi in January 2025

Indian Metro's Rise to the top

1,000 KMS ACROSS 11 STATES AND 23 CITIES

3RD LARGEST IN THE WORLD

SURPASSED JAPAN IN THE LENGTH OF METRO RAIL PROJECTS IN 2022

ON ITS WAY TO HAVE THE 2ND LARGEST METRO NETWORK IN THE WORLD

Source: PIB



The UNESCO South Asia Regional Office, in collaboration with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Ikgai Law as the implementing partner organized a stakeholder consultation on Safety and Ethics in Artificial Intelligence (AI) at UNESCO House, New Delhi, 14 November, 2024.

RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY AND TARGETS

150.27 GW of installed renewable energy as of July 2024, with a 450 GW target by 2030

SOLAR ENERGY

Solar energy capacity reached 73.32 GW (Dec 2023), with 7.5 GW added in 2023

HYDROPOWER

Hydropower projects will raise total capacity from 42 GW to 67 GW by 2031-32

RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH

India added 18.48 GW of renewable energy in 2023-24, marking 21% growth

POWER GENERATION

Power generation target for 2023-24 is 1750 Billion Units, a 7.2% increase from 2022-23

REGIONAL POTENTIAL

Northern India holds a renewable energy potential of 363 GW

Source: IBEF

INDIA'S RENEWABLE REVOLUTION



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I acknowledged India's success in digitization in governance, service delivery and social welfare. Prime Minister Modi assured me of India's support in establishing similar digital public infrastructure systems in Sri Lanka.

President H.E. Anura Kumara Disanayaka at the Joint Press Conference during his visit to India, 16 December 2024

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Announcements related to Development Cooperation during the State Visit of President of Sri Lanka H.E. Anura Kumara Disanayaka to India in December 2024



- Training of **1500 Sri Lankan Civil Service Officers** in India
- Forward movement on proposed rehabilitation of Kankesanthurai harbor with Indian grant assistance worth **USD 65 mn**
- Expedited implementation of Sri Lanka Unique Digital Identity Project worth **INR 300 Crore**
- Fully roll out India's Digital Public Infrastructure in Sri Lanka. Share learnings from India's Aadhaar platform, GeM portal, PM Gati Shakti digital platform, digitized customs and other taxation procedures
- Timely completion of ongoing projects such as:
 - Package of SLR 4.5 billion for promotion of Buddhism ties with Sri Lanka; initiatives include solar electrification of over 5000 Buddhist temples
 - Phase III & IV of Indian Housing Project
 - Hybrid Renewable Energy Project in three islands off Jaffna
 - Development package of SLR 2.8 bn for plantation areas of Sri Lanka
 - Multi-sectoral package of SLR 2.37 bn to support development of the Eastern Province

Empowering sectors & communities across Sri Lanka



Inauguration of Surgical Unit at Teaching Hospital Batticaloa worth SLR 278.9 mn, 05 November 2024



Signing of MoU on establishment of 60 Smart Classrooms in Selected Schools in the plantation regions of Sri Lanka worth LKR 508 mn, 16 January 2025



30,000 notebooks and 10,000 school bags handed over to students of plantation schools, 21 August 2024



Signing of MoU on 'Supply of Single Cabs for use in Police Stations in Sri Lanka' worth SLR 300 mn, 15 January 2025



Handing over of Thiruvalluvar Kudiyeruppu Model Village, 17 January 2025



4,000 Solar lanterns distributed to the beneficiary households of Phase III of the IHP, 08 November 2024

Around 70 grant projects completed so far, Around 30 impactful projects ongoing



Construction of 5000 MT temperature-controlled warehouse in Dambulla for SLR 300 mn



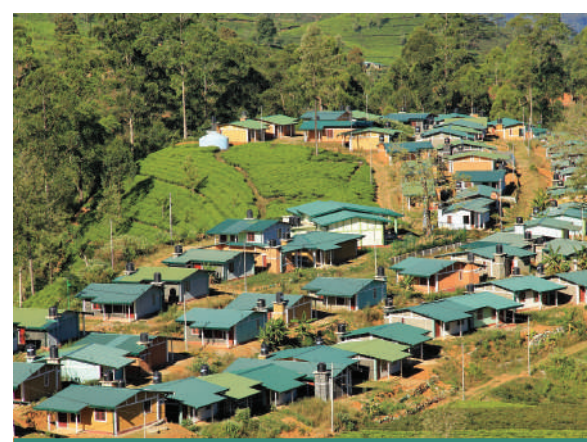
Construction of multi-ethnic tri-lingual school in Polonnaruwa for SLR 369 mn



Construction of transit houses at Madu Shrine, Mannar for SLR 400 mn

India: the Principal Development Partner of Sri Lanka

Grant assistance to Sri Lanka stands at USD 780 MN	Total new assistance overall worth USD 391 MN	Committed grant projects stands nearly at USD 180 MN	Ongoing projects are approx. USD 211 MN	Completed projects worth USD 390 MN
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Largest Overseas Housing Project by India
Flagship Initiative: Grant of SLR 44.23 bn to construct 60,000 houses

INDIAN HOUSING PROJECT (IHP) KEY HIGHLIGHTS

PHASE 4	Ongoing under community-driven model * 10,000 houses are being built for estate worker families of Indian Origin Tamil in plantation regions	PHASE 3	Ongoing under community-driven model * 4,000 houses are being built for plantation workers of Indian Origin Tamils in plantation regions
PHASE 2	Completed in 2016 under an innovative owner-driven model * 45,000 houses constructed in Northern & Eastern Provinces	PHASE 1	Completed in 2012 under an innovative owner-driven model * 1,000 houses constructed in the Northern Province

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INDIA EMERGED AS SRI LANKA'S

LARGEST TRADE PARTNER DURING RECENT YEARS



THIRD LARGEST EXPORT DESTINATION



THE LARGEST SOURCE OF TOURIST SOURCE MARKET



THE BIGGEST SOURCE OF FDI IN LAST 4 YEARS



Enhancing Start-up Synergies



A workshop on "SolarX Startup Challenge," in association with Invest India & International Solar Alliance providing Sri Lankan startups an opportunity to compete in the global challenge, 09 May 2024



A capacity building and business networking event in collaboration with SLASSCOM, featuring Pravartak IIT Chennai and the signing of an MoU between SLASSCOM and Pravartak, 18 June 2024



A two-day acceleration workshop under the "SolarX Startup Challenge 2024" in partnership with Invest India & International Solar Alliance, supporting four Sri Lankan startups among the top 20 winners to scale their innovations, 12-13 December 2024



Live demonstration of Indian Startup RoWeR Agri Machineries across Central and Northern Province, providing hands-on experience to farmers and students, boosting skills and productivity in the agricultural sector

Solar electrification of religious places across Sri Lanka



Handing over of solar rooftop systems at Hokandara Temple, Sri Aanjaneyar Temple, St. Anthony's Church, and Mutwal Jumma Mosque in the Western Province as a part of India's USD 17 mn assistance for solar installations in 5000 religious sites across Sri Lanka, 25 October 2024

A DYNAMIC TRADE & ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP



Furthering Connectivity



Resumption of passenger ferry service between Nagapattinam in India & Kankesanthurai near Jaffna of Sri Lanka, 16 August 2024



IndiGo emerges as Sri Lanka's largest international airline, showcasing India's growing regional aviation presence



500th flight of the recommended Chennai - Jaffna link arrived in Jaffna, 06 August 2024

Supporting Sri Lanka's Fiscal Stability



India's unprecedented assistance in the form of nearly USD 4 bn in various kinds of aid in 2022 and 2023

- First creditor to give written assurances to the IMF
- India as the co-chair of the Official Creditors Committee remains involved in financial stabilization effort for Sri Lanka through its engagement with the IMF
- Extension of ACU Swap Facility
- Conversion of USD 100 mn worth of developmental loan into grants, including
 - Rehabilitation of Kankesanthurai Harbor in the Northern Province worth USD 65 mn
 - Maho-Anuradhapura Railway Signaling Project worth USD 14.9 mn

Developments in Energy Sector



A Memorandum of Understanding between Petronet LNG Limited, India & LTL Holdings Limited, Sri Lanka, for LNG Infrastructure Development and LNG Supply to Sri Lanka, 20 August 2024



NTPC delegation visited Sri Lanka to hold discussions on the implementation and expansion of the Sampur Solar Power project, 8-10 January 2025



Both leaders agreed that it is now opportune to further enhance the trade partnership by committing to:

- Continue discussions on the Economic & Technological Cooperation Agreement
- Enhance INR-LKR trade settlements between the two countries
- Encourage investments in key sectors in Sri Lanka to enhance its export potential

India - Sri Lanka

His Excellency Anura Kumara Dissanayake

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This is the first time that a destroyer, a frigate and a submarine are being commissioned together. And the most proud thing is that these three Frontline Platforms are Made in India.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at Commissioning of INS Surat, INS Nilgiri and INS Vaghsheer in January 2025

TRAINING AS A PILLAR OF COOPERATION



India is the largest provider of foreign training assistance to the Sri Lankan Armed Forces.

1,236 Defence training slots allocated for Sri Lanka

Army	703
Navy	329
Airforce	162
Tri-Service	28
Coast Guard	14



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) 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



The 10th Edition of Army Staff talks between Indian Army and Sri Lanka Army conducted in Colombo, 09 -11 July 2024



The 10th Edition of annual bilateral Exercise MITRA SHAKTI conducted at Army Training School, Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka. 12-25 Aug 2024



During visit of 64th NDC delegation to Sri Lanka, NDC Alumni Association get together hosted by the mission held at Taj Samudra, 02 September 2024



Reciprocal Cultural visit between Indian and Sri Lankan Armed Forces held in October 2024



7th ICG – SLCG High Level Meeting (HLM) held in Colombo, 10-13 November 2024



The Alumni Interaction event held at the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun, 06 - 09 December 2024



9th edition of SLINEX conducted at Vishakhapatnam, 17-20 December 2024

President Dissanayaka and I are in full agreement that our security interests are interconnected. We have decided to quickly finalise the Security Cooperation Agreement. We have also agreed to cooperate on Hydrography. We believe that the Colombo Security Conclave is an important platform for regional peace, security and development. Under this umbrella, support shall be extended in the matters of maritime security, counter terrorism, cyber security, combating smuggling and organized crime, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the Joint Press Conference with the President H.E. Anura Kumara Dissanayaka, 16 December 2024

I assured the Indian leader that Sri Lanka will not permit its territory to be used in any manner inimical to the security of India as well as towards regional stability. I wish to conclude by reiterating that Sri Lanka attaches great importance to the continuous development and deepening of cooperation with India, which I have no doubt would be further consolidated in the years to come.

President H.E. Anura Kumara Dissanayaka during the State Visit to India, 16 December 2024

PORT CALLS TO SRI LANKA



The 10th edition of annual bilateral Exercise MITRA SHAKTI conducted at Army Training School, Maduru Oya, 12-24 August 2024

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As part of our educational cooperation, we will be providing monthly scholarships to 200 students of Jaffna and universities in Sri Lanka's Eastern region.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the Joint Press Conference during the visit of President H.E. Anura Kumara Disanayaka to India, 16 December 2024

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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 mn, with more than 360 projects implemented in Sri Lanka. The recent initiatives include staff training on living transplants, STEM Education workshops, awareness and training programs on Varma Science and Deep Meditation Yoga for trainers, practitioners, and the public.

- 1 Staff of Colombo North Center for Liver Diseases at the Relia Hospital in Chennai during the training
- 2 A STEM education session conducted for the school children of the Northern Province by a scholar from IIT Gandhinagar
- 3 Awareness session for University staff & undergraduate students of the University of Jaffna on Varma Science and Deep Meditation Yoga



Indian Technical & Economic 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



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 personnel/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

Strengthening Capacities



1st Special Course for Sri Lankan Diplomats & Officers conducted at the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service, New Delhi, 05-13 August 2024



Capacity building training courses for the personnel of the Sri Lankan Police



Capacity building programme for Sri Lankan media professionals in India

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

Please visit our website: www.hcicolombo.gov.in for more details



77536 VISA ISSUED
FROM 01 JAN TO 31 DECEMBER 2024



OVER 21700 GRATIS VISAS ISSUED FOR PILGRIMAGE TOURISM

Celebrating Golden Jubilee of World Hindi Day



At the launch of Sri Lanka's First-Ever Certificate Course in Hindi via Open and Distance Learning on World Hindi Day, 10 January 2025

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We belong to a country that has given the world 'not Yuddh but 'Buddha'.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in the celebration of International Abhidhamma Divas and recognition of Pali as classical language in New Delhi, 17 October 2024

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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.



Hindi Day celebrated in Colombo, 13 September 2024



A panel discussion on 'Pali as a Classical Language' held in Colombo, 23 October 2024



Bharat Sri Lanka Maitri Utsav held in Colombo in August 2024



Bharat Sri Lanka Maitri Week inaugurated in Colombo, 12 August 2024



A statue of Lord Buddha in Dharmachakra Mudra handed over to the Dharmayathanaya Temple, Colombo, 17 September 2024



World Meditation Day celebrated in Colombo, 21 December 2024



Mobile Exhibition Series titled 'Buddham Sharanam Gacchami' launched at Maha Bodhi Agrasrawaka Viharaya in Maligakanda, on Full Moon Poya Day in January 2025



Indian Film Fest 2025 inaugurated in Colombo, 06 January 2025



Sri Lanka's First-Ever Certificate Course in Hindi via Open and Distance Learning Launched on World Hindi Day in Colombo, 10 January 2025



Inaugural High-level Roundtable on India-Sri Lanka Partnership held in Colombo, 10 January 2025



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President Anura Kumara Dissanayaka paid homage at Bodhi Gaya during the visit in India in January 2025