

**High Commission of India
Colombo**

Press Release

Visit of High Commissioner Gopal Baglay to Northern and Eastern Provinces

In a ceremony held today at the prestigious Naval and Maritime Academy, Trincomalee, High Commissioner H.E Gopal Baglay formally handed over training aids worth 22 Million LKR to the Commander Eastern Naval Area of the Sri Lanka Navy.

Pursuing the commitment of Indian Navy in assisting the regional navies in capacity building, during his visit in December 2019, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Karambir Singh had committed to providing a number of training items to the Sri Lankan Navy. With a focus on supporting Specialisation courses being conducted at NMA, Sri Lanka Navy model of indigenously developed Varunastra heavy weight torpedo, working model of Light Weight Torpedo, Underwater Telephone, Gas Turbine cut Model, model of HMS Trincomalee and Bathy thermograph were delivered in Sri Lanka in 2020 and were operationalised with joint efforts of Indian Navy, Sri Lankan Navy and the OEMs from India.

While formally handing over the training aids, the High Commissioner reiterated the importance of close cooperation between the two Navies as an essential part of the overall bilateral engagement. He also handed over Kindle e-book readers and books to the library of the Naval and Maritime Academy.

The Indian Navy and the Sri Lankan Navy have always maintained a functional relationship and a number of training facilities of the Indian Navy are availed by the Sri Lankan Navy.

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