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Press Release

Webinar on defence cooperation Sri Lankan and Indian armed forces

As part of India's unwavering commitment to positively contributing towards the Capability Building of Sri Lankan Armed Forces a Webinar was conducted by the Defence Wing, High Commission of India on 13 January 2021 at Hotel Taj Samudra between officers of Indian and Sri Lankan Armed Forces alongwith representatives from Indian defence manufacturing companies. The Webinar was chaired by Mr Vinod K. Jacob, Deputy High Commissioner and Maj Gen AWAPK Thilakarathne psc, Chief Signal Officer, Sri Lanka Army. The Sri Lankan delegation had large number of representatives participating from all three services. The Deputy High Commissioner, highlighted the impetus being given by India to further the interest of Sri Lankan Defence Forces and the opportunities that can be provided by the highly evolved defence production industry in India. During the Webinar, products of interest of Sri Lankan Defence Forces were presented with the aim that such close interactions with Sri Lankan Armed Forces would valuably contribute in effectively countering common security threats in the region and towards realisation India's Vision of Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR).

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