

High Commission of India
Colombo

Press Release

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulates Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa
on the occasion of the 73rd Anniversary of the Independence Day of Sri Lanka**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated H.E Mahinda Rajapaksa, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka on the occasion of 73rd Anniversary of the Independence Day of Sri Lanka.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi reiterated the shared deep-rooted millennia old ties based on shared linguistic, religious and cultural traditions. He underlined the cooperation between the two nations over the past year, including in the joint fight against the COVID19 pandemic. He further wished that the strong ties between the two nations would be further cemented in the years to come, and contribute to the progress and common prosperity of our peoples.

The congratulatory letter is in continuation of regular interactions between India and Sri Lanka at the leadership level which has resulted into significant strides in the field of development cooperation, trade and economic ties, people to people contacts despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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