

High Commission of India
Colombo

Press Release

Meeting of Deputy High Commissioner with Hon'ble Rauff Hakeem, MP

On 3 February 2021, Deputy High Commissioner Vinod K Jacob met with Mr. Rauff Hakeem, Hon'ble Member of Sri Lankan Parliament and Leader of Sri Lanka Muslim Congress.

Hon. Rauff Hakeem positively evaluated India's gesture of early supply of Covid vaccines to Sri Lanka. Both sides also discussed matters pertaining to economic, financial and development cooperation opportunities.

Hon. Rauff Hakeem shared his assessment about the challenges facing the Muslim community in recent times. He also briefed about the issues involved in the forthcoming UNHRC session beginning later this month. Deputy High Commissioner Jacob recalled the conversations between the Indian and Sri Lankan leadership since November 2019. During the Virtual Bilateral Summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa in September 2020, the latter had expressed the confidence that Sri Lanka will work towards realizing the expectations of all ethnic groups. Deputy High Commissioner reiterated India's long standing and principled position on meaningful devolution through full implementation of 13th amendment and Provincial Councils.

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