



President Smt. Droupadi Murmu meets President H.E. Anura Kumara Disanayaka at Rashtrapati Bhavan, 17 December 2024



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi meets President H.E. Anura Kumara Disanayaka in Sri Lanka, 05 April 2025

“Relations between India and Sri Lanka are based on mutual trust and goodwill. We will continue to work together to fulfill the hopes and aspirations of our people.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at Joint Press Statement with President of Sri Lanka, 05 April 2025

“India and Sri Lanka are not merely two countries on a map. It is essential to recognize that they are two nations deeply connected by history, strongly united by trade, and bound by friendship

President Anura Kumara Disanayaka at Joint Press Statement with Prime Minister of India, 05 April 2025



Message from High Commissioner of India

H. E. Santosh Jha

My dear brothers and sisters from Sri Lanka, Namaskar, Ayubowan, Vanakkam!

On this 79th Independence Day of India, I extend my warm greetings to all of you. Today, a resilient and rising India celebrates its independence — not only as a democracy that upholds the aspirations of its people but also as a nation whose rise today is measurable and unstoppable; a nation that is not only lifting millions out of poverty, but also sending Missions to moon.

India is now the world's fourth-largest economy with a GDP exceeding USD 4 trillion, growing at an annual rate of 6.2% (IMF, 2025). This growth is not limited to statistics — it reflects rising incomes, expanding opportunities, and the strengthening of economic foundations across the country. India is projected to become the third-largest economy by 2028, overtaking Germany.

What makes this growth particularly significant is its inclusive nature. According to World Bank data, extreme poverty in India has fallen sharply — from 27.1% in 2011-12 to just 5.3% in 2022-23. At the same time, inequality has declined. India now ranks as the fourth most equal country globally on the Gini Index, with a score of 25.5, placing it in the “moderately low” inequality category.

These outcomes are the result of bold policy reforms and systemic transformation. Key initiatives like the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) have modernised India's economy. Social protection schemes such as Ayushman Bharat and Jan Dhan Yojana have extended health and financial

inclusion to millions, ensuring that growth reaches the most vulnerable.

With 65% of the population under the age of 35, India is also benefitting from a dynamic demographic dividend that supports its ambitions to become a developed nation — Viksit Bharat — by 2047, the centenary of our independence.

India's growth story is also rooted in sustainability. India now generates 50% of its installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel sources — achieving this milestone five years ahead of the target set under its Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement. For India, the clean energy transition is not an alternative to growth but a parallel pathway that strengthens it.

It is in this context that India's 79th Independence Day holds relevance for Sri Lanka, which also started its independent journey alongside India. Both our nations have walked together on the path of unwavering commitment to democracy with a focus on providing better living conditions for our peoples. India and Sri Lanka share deep and historic bonds, which predates our shared colonial history. It is these bonds that truly make us ‘Civilisational Twins’. It is from this deep rooted kinship that India-Sri Lanka relations draw its strength and vibrancy. As its closest maritime neighbour, Sri Lanka has a special place in India's ‘Neighbourhood First’ policy as well as its ‘MAHASAGAR Vision’.

The priority that India and Sri Lanka attach to each other is reflected in the recent visits by The President of Sri Lanka to Delhi and Prime Minister of India to Sri Lanka. H.E. President Anura Kumara Disanayaka chose Delhi for

his first visit abroad and welcomed Prime Minister Modi in the first State Visit to Sri Lanka since assuming office. As mentioned by Prime Minister Modi during his recent visit to Colombo in April 2025,

“India is proud to have fulfilled its duties as a true friendly neighbor to Sri Lanka. Whether it was the terrorist attack of 2019, the COVID pandemic, or the recent economic crisis, we have stood firmly with the people of Sri Lanka during every difficulty.”

Relations between India and Sri Lanka are based on mutual trust and goodwill. Over the past six months, we have been working closely with the Government of Sri Lanka on various facets of our bilateral relations, promoting bilateral trade and investment, collaboration on technical assistance and training, improving people-to-people relations, promoting mutually beneficial connectivity projects, while also continuing grant based assistance in areas as identified with the Government of Sri Lanka. India is championing a definitive shift from a credit based approach, to an investment led partnership with Sri Lanka on various fronts. Ensuring economic development to the people of Sri Lanka, without burdening the country with debt is at the core of this approach.

India is Sri Lanka's largest trading partner, its top source of foreign investment, and the largest contributor of tourists. Our development partnership is broad-based and people-focused. The projects inaugurated and announced during the visit of Prime Minister Modi to Sri Lanka in April this year— the Temperature controlled warehouse in Dambulla, Railway projects, Sampur

Power project, Solar Rooftop systems for religious places, assistance for Sacred City Complex at Anuradhapura, for Thirukoneswaram Temple and for Sita Eliya Temple underscore this approach.

India continues to work towards people-centric development projects through projects related to Housing, Suwaseriya Ambulance Service, Jaffna Thiruvalluvar Cultural Centre in Jaffna, Sri Lanka Unique Digital Identity Project, capacity building initiatives etc. to name a few. These projects align with the priorities of the Government of Sri Lanka and are aimed at improving lives directly and meaningfully.

India and Sri Lanka are deeply connected — not just by geography, but by shared aspirations and a common future. Our destinies are intertwined. As India rises, we are committed to ensuring that our growth is shared with our neighbourhood — especially Sri Lanka — through partnerships built on trust, respect, and mutual benefit. India advocates for a strong voice for the Global South, including for Sri Lanka, connecting its interests with our own priorities.

On this Independence Day, let us renew our commitment to a stronger India-Sri Lanka partnership and to a future of shared peace, progress, and prosperity.

Jai Hind.
Dhanyavada. Sthuthi. Nandri.

Celebrating 79th Independence Day of India



List of Outcomes: State Visit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to Sri Lanka, 4-6 April 2025

Projects Inaugurated

Inauguration of upgraded railway track of Maho-Omanthai railway line enhancing its speed potential to 100kmph for USD 91.27 million

Launch of Construction of Signalling System for Maho-Anuradhapura railway line of USD 14.89 million converted to a grant.

Ground Breaking ceremony of Sampur Solar power project.

Inauguration of the Temperature Controlled Agricultural Warehouse in Dambulla.

Inauguration of supply of Solar Rooftop Systems for 5000 Religious Institutions across Sri Lanka with extended credit assistance of USD 17 million.

Announcements

Comprehensive capacity-building programme in India covering about 700 Sri Lankans annually

India's grant assistance for the development of Thirukoneswaram temple in Trincomalee, Sita Eliya temple in Nuwara Eliya, and Sacred City Complex project in Anuradhapura

The Exposition of Lord Buddha relics in Sri Lanka

Memoranda of Understanding Exchanged

MoU for Implementation of HVDC Interconnection for Import/Export of Power

MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Sharing Successful Digital Solutions Implemented at Population Scale for Digital Transformation.

MoU between the Government of the Republic of India, the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and the Government of United Arab Emirates for Cooperation in Development of Trincomalee as an Energy Hub

MoU on Defence Cooperation

MoU on Multi-sectoral Grant Assistance for Eastern Province amounting to SLR 2.37 billion

MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Health & Medicine.

MoU on Pharmacopoeial Cooperation between the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission and The National Medicines Regulatory Authority of Sri Lanka.

Honouring a Timeless Friendship



President H.E. Anura Kumara Disanayaka conferred the Sri Lanka Mitra Vibhushana, the nation's highest honour for foreign dignitaries to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, making him the first Indian leader to receive this prestigious award, 05 April 2025

A testament to the civilization linkages between India & Sri Lanka

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited the sacred Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi temple in Anuradhapura along with President H.E. Anura Kumara Disanayaka, 06 April 2025



Delegation-level talks between the delegations of Sri Lanka and India held in Colombo, 05 April 2025

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Fuelling Growth, Forging Futures

TRADE

India is,

- Sri Lanka's largest trade partner with total merchandise trade in 24/25 around USD 5.85bn
- Among top three major Export Destinations in 2024
- More than 60% of Sri Lanka's total exports to India have used ISFTA benefits while approx. 5% of Indian exports use ISFTA benefits.

INVESTMENTS

India is,

- Sri Lanka's largest source of investment
- Largest source of FDI inflow during last 4 years
- Existing Indian investments approx. USD 2.2 bn
- Investments by Sri Lankan companies in India tentatively estimated at about USD 400 mn

TOURISM

India is,

- Sri Lanka's largest source of tourism
- 2.05 mn tourist arrivals in Sri Lanka in 2024
- India is the largest source of tourist traffic in 2024 amounting to about 4.16 lakh arrivals (1/5th of Sri Lanka's tourist traffic)

Strengthening Sri Lanka's Financial Resilience

- Protocol to amend the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement to incorporate important international standards on prevention of treaty abuse was signed during the visit of President of Sri Lanka H.E. Anura Kumara Dissanayaka to India in December 2024.
- India as the co-chair of the Official Creditors Committee in finalizing debt restructuring for Sri Lanka



Enhancing Connectivity for Shared Future

Transforming Railway Connectivity



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and President H.E. Anura Kumara Dissanayaka jointly inaugurated India-assisted railway modernisation projects in Anuradhapura:

- Enhancing the speed of Maho- Ommathai railway line to 130 kmph at a cost of **USD 91.27 mn** Line of Credit.
- Signalling system for the Maho to Anuradhapura railway line at a cost of **USD 14.89 mn** grant assistance

Strengthening age-old maritime bonds



Extension of Financial Assistance for Passenger Ferry Service between Nagapattinam and Kankesanthurai under the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) mechanism, amounting to over **LKR 300 million** annually (approx. LKR 25 million per month)

Energising Futures



- Ground Breaking ceremony of Sampur Solar Power Project
- Supply of Solar Rooftop Systems for 5000 Religious Institutions across Sri Lanka under **USD 17 mn** Credit Assistance



5th Joint Technical Team meeting on Power Grid Interconnection discussed the various aspects of implementation of power grid interconnection between the two countries, 16-17 June 2025



Roundtable on 'INR-LKR Trade Settlement: Strengthening Bilateral Economic Ties', 25 February 2025



Dialogue on Credit and Capital: Building Trust through Ratings and Regulations, 06 June 2025



CEOs' Roundtable in collaboration with the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce (CCC), 30 June 2025



A CEOs delegation of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) visited Colombo from 29 June- 02 July 2025.



MoUs signed during the State Visit of Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi to Sri Lanka in April 2025



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A Partnership for the People: Development Cooperation

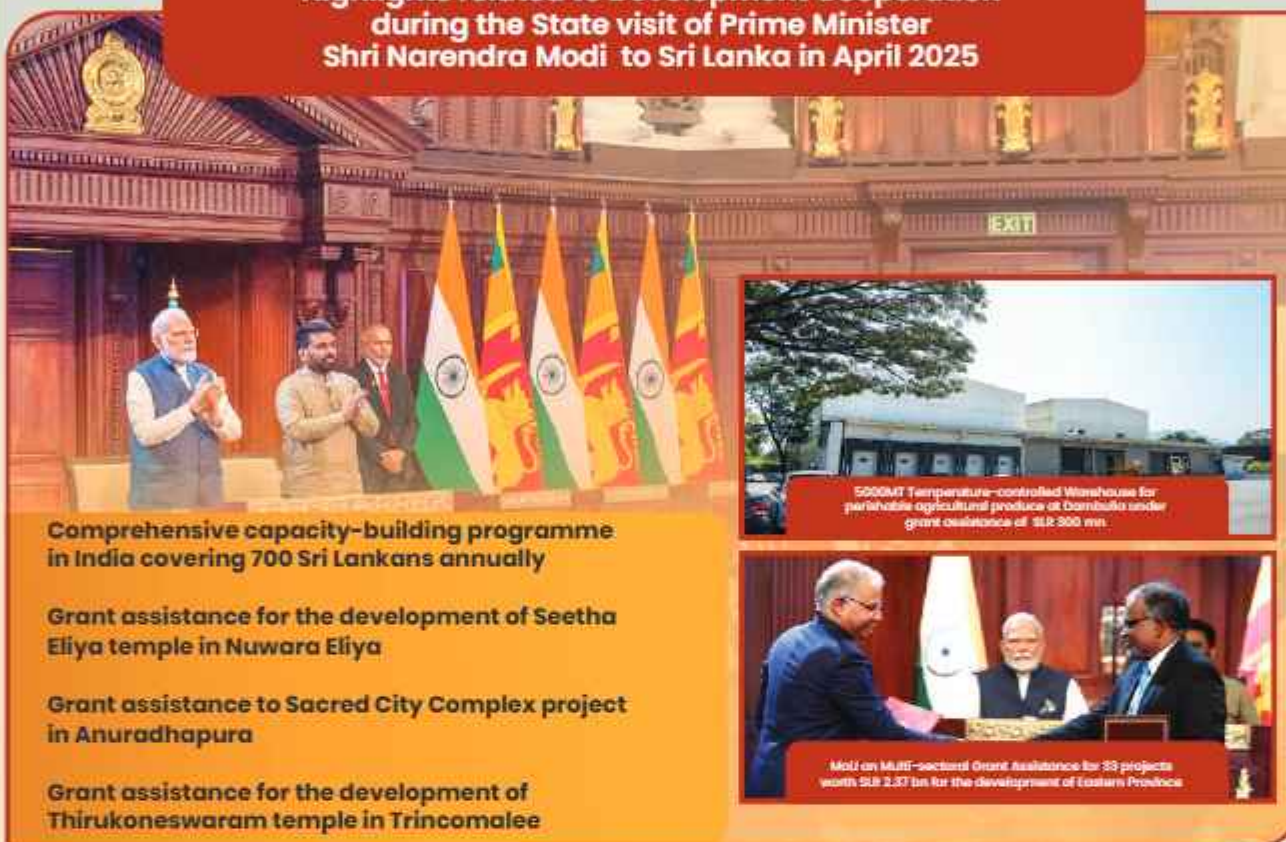
India's Development Partnership with Sri Lanka



India's development assistance projects are entirely based on the priorities set by the Government and the people of Sri Lanka, and focus on capacity-building, Human Resource Development, uplifting of weaker sections as well as infrastructure development, across sectors such as housing, education, health, industrial development, livelihood support, transport, agriculture, fisheries, renewable energy etc.

Over the past two decades, nearly 75 impactful projects have been completed and 29 significant projects are underway. India's Overall financial assistance to Sri Lanka is about USD 7 billion, out of which completed, ongoing and committed projects with grant assistance are to the tune of USD 780 million.

Highlights related to Development Cooperation during the State visit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to Sri Lanka in April 2025



Comprehensive capacity-building programme in India covering 700 Sri Lankans annually

Grant assistance for the development of Seetha Eliya temple in Nuwara Eliya

Grant assistance to Sacred City Complex project in Anuradhapura

Grant assistance for the development of Thirukoneswaram temple in Trincomalee

5000MT Temperature-controlled Warehouse for perishable agricultural produce at Dambulla under grant assistance of SLR 300 mn

MoU on Multi-sectoral Grant Assistance for 25 projects worth SLR 2.37 bn for the development of Eastern Province

Initiatives to further strengthen the unique historical, cultural and people-to-people connect



Development projects for Indian Origin Tamil (IOT) Community in the plantation areas of Sri Lanka underway as part of a special package of SLR 2.8 bn.



Package of SLR 4.5 bn for promotion of Buddhism ties with Sri Lanka; initiatives include solar electrification of nearly 10,000 Buddhist temples.

SELECTION OF A FEW COMPLETED IMPACTFUL PROJECTS



Jaffna Thiruvalluvar Cultural Center constructed for over USD 11 million



1990 Emergency Ambulance Service with Indian grant assistance of USD 22.5 mn



Restoration of Thiruketheeswaram Temple in Mannar for SLR 326 mn



A fully-equipped hospital along with medical equipment and eight residential quarters for doctors at Dickoya for LKR 1.2 billion



A two-story Surgical Unit at Teaching Hospital Batticaloa with four state-of-the-art operation theatres and 10 ICU beds, along with essential infrastructure for SLR 278.90 mn



90 houses constructed with Indian assistance of SLR 385 mn under Shobhita Nahimigama Project in Anuradhapura

INDIA ASSISTED CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES



1st Special Course for Diplomats & Officers from Sri Lanka at Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, in August 2024.



Four capacity building programmes, covering 161 Sri Lankan civil service officers successfully conducted to date by National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) under MoU signed with SLUDA for training of 1500 civil servants over 5 years

Salient Ongoing and Committed Projects under Indian Grant Assistance

In line with the high priority accorded by Government of Sri Lanka to digitization, Sri Lanka Unique Digital Identity (SLUDI) project with Indian assistance of INR 300 Crore

Establishment of 200 smart classrooms in Southern Province at SLR 239 mn

Supply of single cabs to Sri Lanka Police at SLR 300 mn

Up-gradation of 9 plantation schools in Central, Uva, Sabaragamuwa and Southern Provinces of Sri Lanka at a cost of SLR 600 mn

Rehabilitation of Karainagar Boat Yard at a Cost of SLR 290 mn

Establishment of 60 smart classrooms in plantation schools at SLR 508 mn

Multi-ethnic tri-lingual school in Polonnaruwa with financial assistance of SLR 369 mn.

FLAGSHIP INDIAN HOUSING PROJECTS IN SRI LANKA

Phase 1-2

48,000 houses constructed and renovated between 2012 to 2015 in the Northern and Eastern Province

Phase 3

4,000 houses for plantation workers are close to completion

Phase 4

10,000 houses for plantation workers are underway



01. 800 houses under Model Village Housing Project 24 in each of the 25 districts



02. 1200 houses in the Southern Province and 800 houses in the Northern Province committed under Grama Shakthi Housing Project

LARGEST OVERSEAS HOUSING PROJECT BY INDIA

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"We believe that we have shared security interests. The security of both countries is interconnected and co-dependent."

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the Joint Press Statement with the President of Sri Lanka during the state visit to Sri Lanka in April 2025



A delegation from India's Higher Defence Management Course (HDMC) visited Sri Lanka in October 2024



A reciprocal cultural exchange visit between the Indian and Sri Lankan Armed Forces held in October 2024



SL Coast Guard hosts the 7th High-level Meeting with Indian Coast Guard in November 2024



The Director General of the Indian Coast Guard visited Sri Lanka in November 2024



12th Indian Navy - Sri Lankan Navy staff talk held in New Delhi in December 2024



Indian Peace Keeping Force members participated in Jaffna in January 2025



SARCOMEX 2023 held in March 2025



8th Indo - Sri Lanka Defence Dialogue held in Colombo in June 2025



Exercise Mitra Shakti - 2024



Commander of the Sri Lanka Army, an IMA alumnus, visited India in June 2025



NDC Course Number. 64 Study tour to Sri Lanka in September 2024



The 34th IMBI meeting between the Indian and Sri Lanka Navies was held aboard SLNS Vijayabahu in November 2024.



INS KALPENI



INS MUMBAI



INS SAHYADRI



INS VELA

PORT CALLS TO SRI LANKA



INS KUTHAR



ICGS VAIBHAV



SLINEX 24



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Promoting Parliamentary ties between India and Sri Lanka

Inaugural Capacity-building Program for Members of Parliament and officials at India's Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies (PRIDE), 26-30 May 2025



A 24-member Sri Lankan Parliamentary delegation led by Deputy Speaker Hon. Dr. Rizvie Salih visited India as the first batch to undergo an Orientation Programme at PRIDE, following Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's April 2025 announcement offering 700 annual training slots for Sri Lankans professionals, 25-31 May 2025



Establishment of Sri Lanka-India Parliamentary Friendship Association in the 10th Parliament of Sri Lanka, 8 May 2025

Visit of Young Political Leaders Delegation from Sri Lanka to India



24 Young Political Leaders from 14 parties of Sri Lanka visited India for a first-of-its-kind programme to strengthen political linkages across tiers and explore India's development journey, 14-25 July 2025



The delegation of Young Political leaders from Sri Lanka shared their takeaways from their recent visit to India reaffirming cross-party consensus for a stronger India-Sri Lanka partnership, 07 August 2025

Deepening Linkages between Women Leaders of India and Sri Lanka



An interaction with the Women Caucus of Parliament of Sri Lanka graced by Hon. Dr. Harini Amarasurya, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, 16 June 2025

World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit, Mumbai, 1-4 May 2025.



WAVES 2025, a flagship initiative envisioned by the Hon. Prime Minister of India, brought together leading voices from across the globe - industry veterans, policymakers, and creative professionals - fostering cross-border dialogue, creativity, and commercial collaboration. A delegation from Sri Lanka comprising of professionals from the fields of music, filmmaking, acting, film production & distribution, animation and gaming participated in the inaugural edition of the World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025 in Mumbai, May 1-4 2025



A celebration of heritage and harmony



Sri Lanka State Dance Ensemble performed at the 1st BIMSTEC Traditional Music Festival in New Delhi, 04 August 2025

Strengthening Regional Youth Collaboration



A ten-member delegation from Sri Lanka participated in the BIMSTEC Youth Summit in Gujarat, 7-11 February 2025

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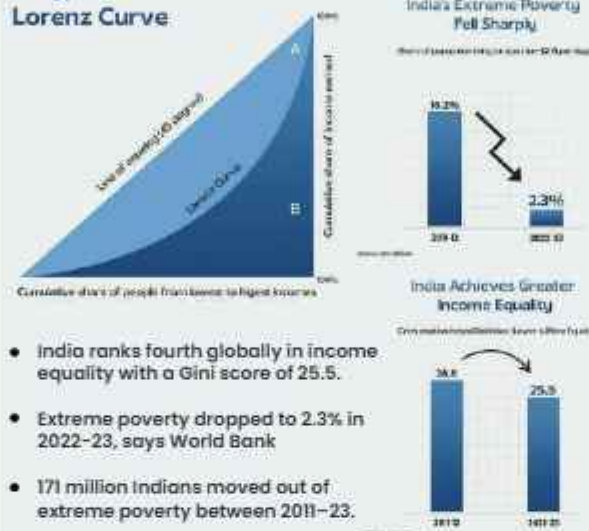
India became the 4th largest global economy in 2025

India's Economic Highlights (2024-25)



India's Story on Bridging Inequality

A Typical Lorenz Curve



Daily UPI-based transactions surpass 700 million for the first time

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The daily UPI-based transactions have crossed 700 million for the first time, touching 707 million, according to the latest National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) data. UPI now powers around 85% of all digital transactions in India and nearly 50% of all real-time digital payments across the world.



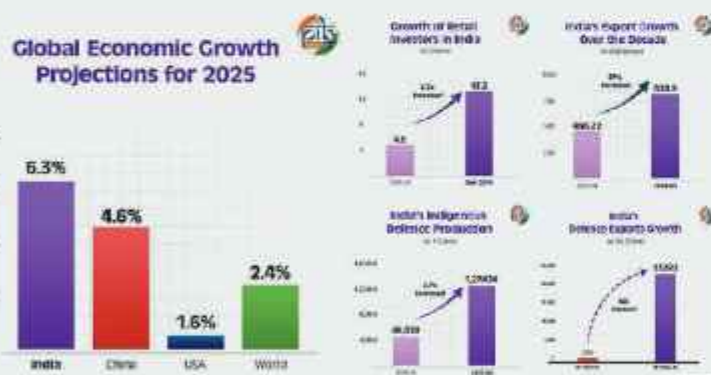
Sacred Buddhist Relics from India Return After 127 Years



"A joyous day for our cultural heritage" Prime Minister Narendra Modi

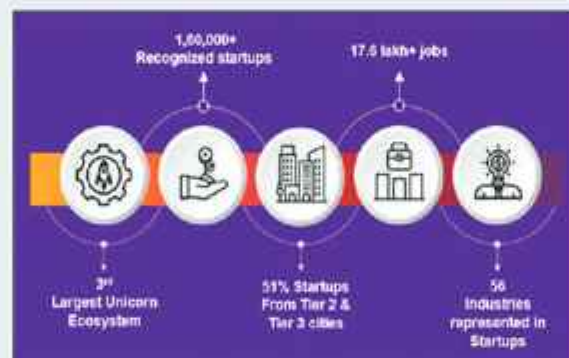
In an event that stirred hearts across the global Buddhist community, India welcomed home the sacred Piprahwa relics—one of the most spiritually and archaeologically significant treasures ever discovered. Repatriated after 127 years, these relics represent not just fragments of the past, but a powerful symbol of India's enduring cultural legacy. The journey of these relics, taken during colonial rule, came full circle in July 2025, as the Ministry of Culture, Government of India in collaboration with Godrej Industries Group, orchestrated their return.

India's Ascent Amid Global Headwinds



UN Report Ranks India Fastest-Growing Major Economy with 6.3% GDP Growth

India has firmly established itself as the 3rd largest startup and Unicorn ecosystem in the world



Not 2030. Not Later. India Did It in 2025.

5 Years Ahead of Schedule

50% Power Capacity from Clean, Non-Fossil Sources

484.8 GW Total Installed
242.8 GW from Non-Fossil Sources



The Mission the NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) satellite successfully launched, 30 July 2025

Group Capt Shubhanshu Shukla

The first Indian astronaut to have walked the International Space Station, July 2025

Amrit Kaal: Empowering India's Farmers Through Strategic Fertilizer Policy

- 6 new urea plants added in 6 years, boosting capacity by 76.2 LMT
- India: 2nd largest fertilizer consumer, 3rd largest producer globally
- Record domestic urea output in 2023-24: 314 LMT
- New global deals with Saudi Arabia, Nepal, Bhutan & Sri Lanka for long-term supply

World Recognition for Indian Heritage



Maratha Military Landscapes in India inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage list

The property includes twelve major fortifications, mostly in Maharashtra State, with one in Tamil Nadu. These forts, such as Raigad, Shivneri, and Sinhudurg, were built, adapted, or expanded by the Marathas between the late 17th and early 18th centuries. Strategically located on coastal and mountainous terrain, they formed a complex defence system supporting Maratha military dominance, trade protection, and territorial control. This network played a key role in the Marathas' rise as a major political and military force.

India Rising: Stars Who Shined on the Global Stage!



Reena Bhatti

A mountaineer, set a record by scaling Everest and Lhotse within 21 hours

Automotive Industry: Powering India's Participation in Global Value Chains (GVCs)

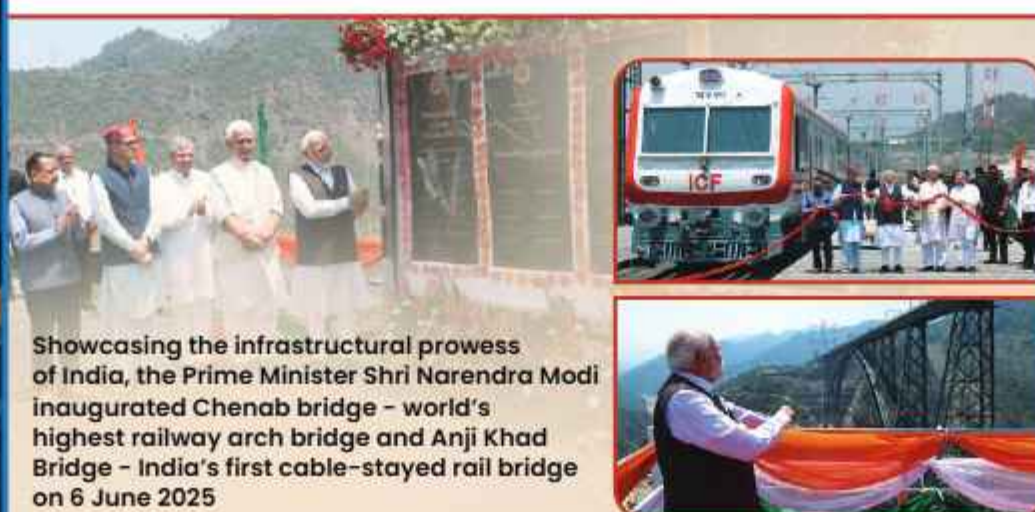
India's auto sector: 7.1% of global GDP, 4th in vehicle production.

Holds 3% share in global auto component trade.

Vision 2030: \$145B production, \$60B exports, 2-2.5M jobs.

₹66,000+ crore invested via FAME, PM E-Drive, PLI for EVs and localization

Aim to raise auto component trade share to 8% by 2030 through reforms and GVC integration



Showcasing the infrastructural prowess of India, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Chenab bridge - world's highest railway arch bridge and Anji Khad Bridge - India's first cable-stayed rail bridge on 6 June 2025

"In #11YearsOfSeva the speed and scale of the country's development have been changed by 'Minimum Government, Maximum Governance'. PM Shri @narendramodi ji brought farmers, women, backward, Dalits and deprived to the center of governance and created a work culture of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas Instead of appeasement."

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah 9 June 2025

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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.



Strengthening Cultural Linkages.

State Visit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to Sri Lanka in April 2025.



11TH International Day of Yoga celebrated in Sri Lanka in June 2025



A Celebration of 'Blissful Bihar' held in Colombo in March 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



Applauding the Jethavanarama Buddhist Monastery, Nugadanda, for promoting Hindi learning among the monks in February 2025



International Women's Day celebrated in Borella, in March 2025



Tyagaraja Aradhana - annual Carnatic Music Festival held in Colombo in 21 March 2025



Tribute to Zakir Hussain held in Colombo in March 2025

OUR ACTIVITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY



'Echoes of Enlightenment - Light in Stupa, Breath on Canvas' - A Special Exhibition commemorating Pison Poya was held in June 2025



75th Foundation Day of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) celebrated in Colombo, 30 May 2025

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One Partnership, Many Frontiers

Deepening media collaboration between India & Sri Lanka



The first-ever Media Fest organized by the Sri Lanka-India Media Friendship Association (SLIMFA), 25-26 April 2025



General Meeting of Sri Lanka India Media Friendship Association held in Colombo, 14 July 2025

Reaffirming Deep-Rooted Civilizational Ties



'Dhamma Rupar' exhibition at Buddha Rashmi National Vesak Festival in Colombo, 13 May 2025



'Buddham Sharanam Gacchami' mobile exhibition series harmonizing modernity with tradition across Sri Lanka on every Poya day



Launch of the Sinhala translations of five Jataka Tales Amar Chitra Katha comic books, 12 February 2025

Strategic Synergies



Inaugural edition of the Innovation Island Summit which brought together esteemed speakers and delegates to explore sustainable and innovative pathways for Sri Lanka and other island economies, 20-21 February 2025



"Riding the Indian Wave: World's 5th Largest Economy on Sri Lanka's Shores", 27 March 2025

Honouring timeless bonds between India and Sri Lanka



High Commissioner of India, H.E. Santosh Jha visited Vihara Kallanchiya and met the descendants of those who had accompanied Sanghamitta Maha Theri to Sri Lanka, 14 July 2025



Inauguration of the Ashok Vatika Meditation Centre at Seetha Amman temple in Nuwara Eliya, 03 August 2025

A celebration of heritage and harmony



Iftar Reception 2025, 04 March 2025

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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 26 years, the Foundation has funded around 600 projects worth over SLR 200 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.



Staff of Colombo North Center for Liver Diseases at the Rela Hospital in Chennai during the training.



Awareness session held for academic staff, administrative staff, non-academic staff, and undergraduate students of the University of Jaffna on Varma Science and Deep Meditation Yoga.



A STEM education session conducted for the school children of the Northern Province by a scholar from IIT Gandhinagar.



A menstrual hygiene education session conducted for women in Mullaitivu by Selyn Foundation.

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/OCs 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

ITEC Programmes for Sri Lankan Students

310 ITEC SLOTS UTILIZED
402 IN FY 2024-2025,
COVERING KEY SECTORS:

204 Senior Civil Servants trained at NCCG, Mussoorie (Mid-Career Programmes for Provincial Island Services Officers)

Special Training on Drug-Resistant TB (DRTB) & Counselling

08 medical professionals participated

1 GOVERNANCE & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

2 IT & CYBER SECURITY

3 RENEWABLE ENERGY

4 URBAN PLANNING

5 AI & EMERGING TECH

6 EDUCATION, POLICING, BANKING, INSURANCE

7 ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

8 AGRICULTURE, FOOD, FINANCE & AUDIT

9 YOGA & WELLNESS



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.



ITEC Day - 2025



Civil servants training at NCCG, May 2024 - March 2025