

# Construction of Multi-ethnic Tri-lingual School in Polonnaruwa

**Scope of the Project :** In response to a specific request from Government of Sri Lanka , Government of India agreed to establish a Multi-ethnic Tri-lingual School in Polonnaruwa. The project envisages construction of a multi-ethnic tri-lingual secondary school by building classrooms, playground and sports facilities, laboratories and library, staff quarters and administrative offices as well as procurement of furniture and other equipments on a five acres plot of land in Polonnaruwa District. This multi-ethnic tri-lingual school for Sinhala, Tamil and Muslim students will start from year six.

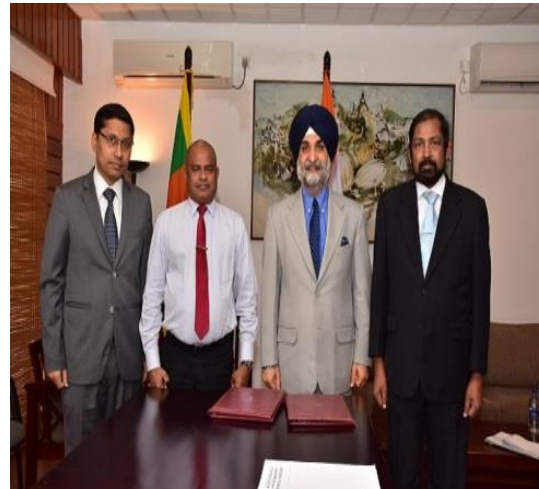
**Project cost :** SLR 300 million

**Duration :** 02 years

**Implementing partners :** (a) Department of Project Management and Monitoring, Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs

(b) Department of External Resources

(c) Ministry of Education



**Modalities of Implementation :** After obtaining the Cabinet approval for the implementation of this Project under the “Awaking Polonnaruwa Development Project”, Government of India and Government of Sri Lanka signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 02.02.2017 to construct a new multi-ethnic tri-lingual secondary school in Polonnaruwa District. The MoU was signed by H.E Mr. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka and by Mr. Sunil Hettiarachchi, Secretary to the Ministry of Education. Senior Officials from Government of Sri Lanka, including Mr. Ranjan Dharmawardena, Chief of Staff to the President of Sri Lanka, participated in the event. The project is being implemented under the Small Development Project (SDP) model. To monitor the implementation of the project, a Project Steering Committee (PSC), co-chaired by Deputy High Commissioner of India and Secretary, Ministry of Education including representative from the Presidential Secretariat, External Resources Department and of Department of Project Management and Monitoring, Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs has been constituted.

**Beneficiaries :** . The school would provide opportunities to Sinhala, Tamil and Muslim students to learn in a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural environment. The project would also contribute to H.E. President Maithripala Sirisena's efforts to promote and strengthen reconciliation and unity in Sri Lanka.