

**Ministry of Digital Economy, Sri Lanka**

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**Sri Lanka's Ministry of Digital Economy Signs MoU with Indian Counterpart to Implement and Scale Digital Transformation Solutions**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Government of India (GoI) and the Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL) on cooperation for digital transformation during the three-day official visit to Sri Lanka by His Excellency Shree Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of India, was exchanged last Saturday (5<sup>th</sup> of April 2025).

This MoU titled 'Cooperation in the field of Sharing Successful Digital Solutions Implemented at Population Scale for Digital Transformation' was signed by the High Commissioner of India in Sri Lanka Mr. Santosh Jha on behalf of the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology of the Government of India (MEITY) and Mr. Waruna Sri Dhanapala, Acting Secretary on behalf of the Ministry of Digital Economy (MODE) of Sri Lanka. It will facilitate cooperation in the field of ecosystem centric digital initiatives mainly through Capacity Building programmes and other collaborative activities designed to improve the relationship between the two countries and to serve their digital ecosystem.

Capacity building of officials in Digital Transformation through joint training programmes between the officials of both countries from the government and private sectors and official exchange of study tours, materials and information on current developments in digital transformation, exchange of best practices constitute the key focus areas of the MoU.

A Joint Working Group (JWG) comprising three members from each country will outline the way forward with this MoU valid for a period of three years while each party to MoU will ensure the protection of Intellectual Property Rights generated from this cooperation associated with the MoU, consistent with their respective laws, rules and regulations and multilateral agreements to which both parties are committed.

Both countries will engage in feasibility studies and e-readiness assessments in the context of implementing digital transformation solutions while enabling consultation of public officials and subject matter experts. Several innovative digital transformation solutions, implemented through pilot or demonstration projects, that have already been proven and successfully implemented at population scale, will be given priority.

The signed copies of the MoU were exchanged last Saturday (5<sup>th</sup> April) in the presence of the two leaders of the countries at the ceremony held at the Presidential Secretariat in Colombo between the Secretary of the Foreign Ministry of India Mr. Vikram Misri and Mr. Waruna Sri Dhanapala, Acting Secretary of the Ministry of Digital Economy of Sri Lanka.

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