

■ India and Sri Lanka Strengthen Ties with Agreements on UPI, Oil Pipeline

India and Sri Lanka have adopted a 'Vision Document for the Economic Partnership' aiming to strengthen maritime, air, energy, and people-to-people connectivity. The vision aims to accelerate cooperation in tourism, power, trade, higher education, and skill development. This was announced by Prime



Minister Shri Narendra Modi after his meeting with visiting Sri Lankan President Mr. Ranil Wickremesinghe in New Delhi on July 21. The leaders signed an agreement to introduce Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in Sri Lanka, promoting Fintech connectivity. Additionally, they discussed the construction of a multi-project petroleum pipeline from southern India to Sri Lanka and announced passenger ferry services between Tamil Nadu's Nagapattinam and Sri Lanka's Kankesanturai. Addressing the joint press conference, PM Modi highlighted the profound importance of Sri Lanka in India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy and 'SAGAR' vision. The Sri Lankan President's visit comes as India and Sri Lanka celebrate the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations.

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