



High Commissioner Prasad Kariyawasam planted a mango sapling at the premises of Sri Lanka High Commission in New Delhi at 10.07 a.m. joining the '*Deyata Sevana*', National Programme for Planting 1.1 Million Trees in Sri Lanka to commemorate the 65th birthday and the inauguration of the second term of office of President Mahinda Rajapaksa.

Addressing the staff at this auspicious occasion High Commissioner Kariyawasam emphasized the significance of planting a tree to mark the inauguration of the second term of office of President at the High Commission premises which he described as 'little Sri Lanka in New Delhi'. Sri Lanka High Commission buildings for which the foundation was laid by the then Prime Minister Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike 50 years ago is a unique Sri Lankan Mission abroad as it houses the office as well as residential quarters of all the members of the staff. "Planting a tree at the premises has a special significance for both countries" ; stated the High Commissioner. He expressed confidence that as the tree grows giving shelter and fruits, Indo-Sri Lanka friendship also would grow further.

# Planting of a sapling in New Delhi to commemorate second term of the President

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