

Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to India Austin Fernando was on a working visit to Southern India to participate in the Special Consular service program at the Sri Lanka Deputy High Commission in Chennai from the 07-10 February 2019.

This program brought together a team from Sri Lanka representing the Registrar General's Office and Department of Immigration and Emigration headed by Controller General, M.N. Ranasinghe and Additional Secretary (Bilateral Affairs), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sumith Nakandala.

The High Commissioner held a meeting with the officials from Sri Lanka and from the Sri Lankan Mission in Chennai and discussed the need to examine complicated cases with regard to providing birth certificates and citizenship certificates to Sri Lankan refugees on Indian soil.

He also discussed the issues pertaining to the voluntary repatriation process of the Sri Lankan refugees. He met with functionaries working with refugees, the Consular Division of the Chennai Mission and officials from Sri Lanka.



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