Sri Lanka and India discussed ways in which the two countries could further enhance bilateral cultural relations when Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to India Milinda Moragoda met with Minister of State for External Affairs & Culture of India Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi on Sunday (19).

The meeting between the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka and the Minister of State for External Affairs & Culture of India was held in a very cordial manner. The discussion focused on further enhancing bilateral cultural relations, in particular through promoting Theri Sanghamitta and Sita of Ramayana, the two iconic figures who played unique roles in the relations between India and Sri Lanka.

Both dignitaries noted that Theri Sanghamitta and Sita of Ramayana were two extraordinary historical figures that have contributed much to Indo-Lanka relations and agreed to explore ways and means to promote modern bilateral cultural ties revolving around them.

Collaboration possibilities between Sri Lanka and the National Museum of New Delhi and the National Gallery of Modern Art were also discussed at this meeting. High Commissioner Moragoda invited State Minister Meenakashi Lekhi to undertake a visit to Sri Lanka as well.
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High Commissioner Moragoda also shared a copy of his policy document, the "Integrated Country Strategy for Sri Lanka Diplomatic Missions in India 2021/2023", which includes a detailed road map for bilateral cultural cooperation, and a copy of the Hindi version of the booklet "The History of the Mahabodhi Temple in Bodh Gaya", published by the Anagarika Dharmapala Trust, to the State Minister.

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