

The High Commission of Sri Lanka in New Delhi, in collaboration with the Deputy High Commission of Sri Lanka in Chennai and the Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Mumbai, is in the process of compiling a comprehensive database of Sri Lankan students currently in India with a view to ensuring their safety and welfare.

There are approximately 700 Sri Lankan students all over India dispersed throughout various States. In Northern India, so far, 475 Sri Lankan students have registered themselves with the High Commission of Sri Lanka in New Delhi. The number of students in each State in Northern India is as follows:

State

Number of Students

Assam

01

Chhattisgarh

36

Delhi NCR

32

Goa

01

Gujarat

43

Haryana

01

Himachal Pradesh

02

Madhya Pradesh

01

Maharashtra

56

Manipur

01

Meghalaya

04

Odisha

71

Punjab

110

Rajasthan

24

Uttar Pradesh

59

Uttarakhand

01

West Bengal

32

The High Commission is constantly in touch with student groups and their institutions scattered across India, and working on ensuring their safety and welfare. These measures include ensuring their hostels are kept open, food supply is maintained by relevant establishments, directing them to medical facilities if required etc. The High Commission of Sri Lanka in New Delhi has advised all students to keep indoors and remain safe by taking all precautionary

measures. The Mission constantly monitors their situation and is committed to assist and ensure the safety and welfare of the students.

A mobile hotline has been established for the students to contact the High Commission 24/7, and mobile telephone numbers of the diplomatic staff have also been made available to them. The High Commission requests all those who have not registered themselves with the High Commission to contact the mobile hotline or other numbers available to them and provide their details for registration.

In addition to students, about 250 other Sri Lankans who remain in India at present, have also registered themselves with the High Commission. The High Commission has extended support to them by facilitating visa extensions, providing information etc.

In the meantime, the Mission has also requested all Sri Lankans in India, including the students, to register themselves in the 'Contact Sri Lanka' Online Portal (www.contactsrilanka.mfa.gov.lk) for overseas Sri Lankans, launched by the Ministry of Foreign Relations on 26 March, for possible assistance by the Government of Sri Lanka.

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