

High Commission of India
Colombo

**High Commissioner attends the event marking the second anniversary
of Easter Sunday Terrorist Attack**

High Commissioner Gopal Baglay attended the solemn ceremony at the St. Anthony's Church on 21 April 2021 to mark the second anniversary of the dastardly Easter Sunday attacks. He lit a candle in memory of the victims of the attack and prayed for the recovery of those who are still suffering from its aftermath.

2. It may be recalled that the High Commissioner had paid homage to the victims at the Church also on 23 May 2020, first day after the completion of mandatory 14-day quarantine period subsequent to his arrival to Sri Lanka on 8 May 2020 on a special flight carrying a gift consignment of essential medical supplies from India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had also paid his respects at the Church during the solidarity visit to Sri Lanka in June 2019.

3. St. Anthony's Church was one of the multiple targets of the Easter Sunday attacks, which also took away the lives of 10 Indians. These Indian victims fell prey to the perpetrators at Shangri-la, Kingsbury and Cinnamon Grand Hotels.

4. India and Sri Lanka cooperate closely in all aspects across the security spectrum. India stands firmly with the people and Government of Sri Lanka in the fight against terrorism and also collaborate on curbing various other illegal activities such as drug trafficking, narcotics etc.

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