

High Commission of India
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PRESS RELEASE

**Minister of Plantation Industries and High Commissioner of India
inaugurate COMPLAST 2019**

Hon. Navin Dissanayaka, Minister of Plantation Industries of Sri Lanka and H.E. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India inaugurated 6th Edition of COMPLAST (Complete Plastic Exhibition) today. 3rd Edition of International Rubber Expo and 4th Edition of COMEXPO (Complete Manufacturing Expo) were also inaugurated.

Mr. P.L.U. Rathnamalala Director General, Industrial Development Board of Sri Lanka, Mr. Kaushal Rajapaksa, President, Plastics & Rubber Institute of Sri Lanka, Mr. B. Swaminathan, President and CEO, Smart Expos, India representatives from Plastics Export Promotion Council of India – (PLEXCONCIL) and other dignitaries were also present.

Around 35 exhibitors from India are participating in the Exhibition. The companies are supported by PLEXCONCIL and Ministry of Commerce, Government of India.

Hon. Naveen Dissanayake spoke about the strong bilateral ties between Sri Lanka and India. He also spoke about the initiatives undertaken by Ministry of Plantation Industries for development of rubber industry in Sri Lanka. He added that there is a lot of potential for further collaboration. He called upon the industry to come up with innovative models to realize the targets set under Sri Lanka Rubber Industry Master Plan.

High Commissioner, in his address, noted that the large participation of Indian companies in the recent Exhibitions is a reflection of India's solidarity with Sri Lanka during difficult times. He also spoke about the potential offered by Indian plastics industry in terms of raw material base, capacity, infrastructure and skilled manpower. He pointed out the need to address the issue of plastic waste so as to ensure environmentally sustainable growth.

The Exhibitions end on 11 August 2019.

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