

VISIT OF MR. ANURA KUMARA DISSANAYAKA, LEADER OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S POWER (NPP), AND JANATHA VIMUKTHI PERAMUNA (JVP) IN SRI LANKA UNDER THE ICCR'S DISTINGUISHED VISITORS PROGRAMME (DVP)

ICCR hosted Mr. Anura Kumara Dissanayaka, Leader of the National People's Power (NPP), and Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) in Sri Lanka under its Distinguished Visitors Programme (DVP) from February 05–10, 2024. He was accompanied by Mr. Vijitha Herath, the National Executive Member of the National People's Power of Sri Lanka.

Under the DVP, ICCR invites distinguished personalities from foreign countries to visit India in order to promote people-to-people connections and showcase the rich cultural heritage and democratic traditions of India.

Mr. Anura Kumara Dissanayaka was first elected as a Member of Parliament of Sri Lanka in September 2000. He is representing the Colombo District as a Member of Parliament from 2015. Mr. Dissanayaka served as the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation of Sri Lanka from 2004 to 2005 and Chief Opposition Whip from 2015 to 2018.



During his stay in India, Mr. Dissanayaka interacted with several people holding key portfolios in the centre and state governments, including Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister of India, Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendra Patel, and Minister for Law, Industries and Coir, Government of Kerala, Shri. P. Rajeev.

In addition, he also held discussions with the representatives of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), apex non-governmental trade associations of India.

