BOC Chennai branch marks three decades as the only Sri Lankan bank operating in India



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Bank of Ceylon marked the 30th anniversary of its Chennai branch, celebrating three decades of cross-border cooperation, trust, and shared economic progress between Sri Lanka and India. Over the years, BOC Chennai has served as a reliable conduit for trade, investment, and remittances, strengthening regional integration through customer-centric financial solutions. What began as a modest overseas extension has evolved into a strategic regional outpost supporting both economies through trade finance, foreign exchange, correspondent banking, and advisory services. Positioned in one of India's most dynamic commercial hubs, the branch has facilitated numerous transactions—from small exporters to major infrastructure players—that sustain bilateral commerce.

Kavinda de Zoysa, Chairman, BOC highlighted the branch’s importance in deepening economic ties, noting that its presence enhances financial connectivity and supports entrepreneurs, investors, and professionals in both nations.

Y. A. Jayathilaka, Acting General Manager and CEO, BOC emphasized the branch’s resilience and adaptability, underscoring its role as a vital component of BOC’s international strategy.

G. A. Jayashantha, DGM – International, Treasury and Investment, attributed the branch’s success to its understanding of regulatory frameworks and strong relationships within India’s financial community. The branch continues to support Sri Lankan companies operating in India and contributes to broader economic cooperation. A dedicated team, serving for decades with unwavering commitment, remains central to the branch’s success. Jeyaranee Gnanasambanthan, Country Manager expressed gratitude to customers and emphasized the branch’s focus on trade finance, MSMEs, and mid-corporate clients.