## India Partners Sri Lanka For Temperature Controlled Cold Storage Facility For Perishables

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Harsha de Silva, Minister of Economic Reform and Public Distribution and Dr Shilpak N Ambule, Deputy High Commis⊡sioner for India in Sri Lanka laid the foundation stone for a new 5,000 metric ton Temperature Controlled Cold Storage facility for Perishables in Dambulla.

This is a joint project of the Government of India and the Government of Sri Lanka and involves several stages where the main cold storage building and refrigeration chambers will be constructed utilizing a grant of 300 million rupees from the Government of India.

This initiative will benefit the farming community by reducing post-harvest losses and wastage, particularly in peak season. It will also ensure delivery of good qual ity agro produce to consumers.

The project is a continuation of Government of India's efforts to partner with the Government of Sri Lanka in people oriented community development pro[jects. India has undertaken more than 70 such projects in various fields including health, educa[tion, skill development, hous[ing, infrastructure, vocational training among others, all across the country.



Dr Shilpak N Ambule, Deputy High Commissioner for India in Sri Lanka addressing the gathering.



Harsha de Silva, Minister of Economic Reform and Public Distribution and Dr Shilpak N Ambule, Deputy High Commissioner for India in Sri Lanka at the foundation stone laying ceremony, along with other distinguished guests.