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India - Sri Lanka Relations

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10 The relationship between India and  
 11 Sri Lanka is more than 2,500 year old.  
 12 Both countries have a legacy of  
 13 intellectual, cultural, religious and  
 14 linguistic interaction. The nearly  
 30 decade long armed conflict  
 between the Sri Lankan forces and  
 the LTTE came to an end in May  
 2009.

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Political relations between India  
 and Sri Lanka have been marked by  
 high-level exchanges of visits at  
 regular intervals. Sri Lanka is one of  
 the India's largest trading partners  
 among the SAARC countries. India  
 in turn is Sri Lanka's largest trade  
 partner globally. The Cultural Cooperation  
 Agreement signed by the two governments  
 on 29 November 1977 forms the basis  
 for periodic cultural Exchange  
 Programmes between the two  
 countries.

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Sri Lanka and India have long  
 history of security cooperation. They conduct  
 joint military and Naval Exercises.  
 In April 2010, India and Sri Lanka  
 also concluded agreement on  
 countering Drug and Human trafficking

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08 Issues and Conflicts -

09 In recent years China has extended billions of dollars of loans to the Sri Lankan government for new infrastructure projects which is not good for India's strategic depth in Indian Ocean Region.

12 Fishermen often cross the borders and have either arrested or destroyed fishing nets.

14 Mutual recognition of each-other's concerns and interests can improve the relationship between both countries.
