

Electrical grid connectivity between SL-India proposed

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The report highlights that India and Sri Lanka have sought to collaborate on a series of major economic development projects in Sri Lanka, including the West Container Terminal of the Colombo Port, the Trincomalee Oil Tank Farm, projects of cooperation in the power sector, Indian projects that fall under development

cooperation and lines of credit, as well as financial cooperation.

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“Given this backdrop, the overarching goal of the Diplomatic Representations

of Sri Lanka in India should be to contribute to the process of continuously maintaining the momentum of the existing partnership, by creating multi-faceted platforms for strategic level dialogue and cooperation, with the ultimate objective being the elevation of the partnership to a special relationship; one marked by interdependence, mutual respect and affection,” he says in his report.

The elevation of bilateral relationship to special partnership, the expansion of Sri Lanka’s footprint in India and regular top-level visits and exchanges are among the others envisaged in the report.