

Message



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In its ongoing efforts to familiarize schools and students about the educational opportunities and scholarships that exist for Sri Lankan students, Assistant High Commission of India, Kandy has come out with this revised booklet incorporating changes that have occurred over the last couple of years.

India saw an increase of 44% last year in foreign students who enrolled for higher studies. Currently there are more than 400 major universities and over 17,000 colleges who are disseminating quality education. Degrees and Certificates offered by these educational institutions are recognized around the world, and are controlled by three major educational bodies; All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), University Grants Commission (UGC) and Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD). India has a massive English speaking population which makes life much easier for a foreign student. With the presence of virtually all the Fortune 500 companies of the world, post-education placements in multi-national companies offers a bright and prosperous future to students.

This booklet tries to explain the scholarship opportunities in India for Sri Lankan students, procedure for application submission and eligibility requirements along with the visa formalities.

This Booklet also contains information about classes for various cultural activities and art forms that are being conducted by the Bharatiya Kala Kendra of the Assistant High Commission of India, Kandy and the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme. Information on Hindi classes has also been included. More information about the educational and scholarship opportunities in India can be seen on our website www.ahcikandy.org.

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Introduction

The Indian education system has established a strong position internationally, both in terms of range and quality, and currently ranks amongst the top two in the world in terms of number of educational institutions.

The main governing body at the tertiary level is the University Grants Commission (UGC), which enforces its standards, advises the government, and helps coordinate between the Centre and the states. Accreditation for higher learning is overseen by 12 autonomous institutions established by the UGC.

There is a vast array of universities focusing on the study of medicine, arts, language, journalism, social work, business, commerce, planning, architecture, engineering, and other specialized studies. Many of these educational institutions are well connected with industry, offering scope for all-round development.

A large number of students fly to India every year from all corners of the globe in pursuit of higher education. Students from Sri Lanka have always placed India as one of their most favored destinations, as it offers maximum cultural compatibility and world class education at a fraction of the cost compared with Western countries.

A welcoming atmosphere, a non-discriminatory approach and an assured educational and career growth is what attracts students from all over the world to India. Studying in India, with its vast and diverse culture, is an enriching experience in itself.

Apart from undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral courses, there are many training and vocational institutes and polytechnics that cater to the growing demand for skill-based education. With around 100 distance education institutions, India has an enlarged outreach of distance education as well.

Most Indian universities teach in English medium and have provision for special language classes for those needing help in English. We welcome you to drink from the fountain of India's education system and become a part of our family, as we believe in the old Sanskrit dictum "Vasudeiva Kutumbakam" (The world is our family).

Structure of Higher Education in India

In the Indian system, higher education is defined as the education imparted after twelve years of schooling (10+2). This includes ten years of primary and secondary education followed by two years of higher secondary education.

The first degree - the Bachelor's degrees - is obtained after three years of study in the case of liberal arts, and four years in the case of most professional degrees. However, in case of a degree in Medicine, the period is six years.

The Master's program is usually of two years' duration. The M.Phil. program, is of one and-half year's duration. It is a preparatory program for doctoral level studies. The doctoral (PhD) programs involve research for a minimum of 3 years and could extend to several years. The amount of time taken for research degrees (M.Phil./Ph.D. etc.) is variable, as it is dependent on the performance of individual students.

In addition to degree programs, a number of diploma and certificate programs are offered by most universities. Their range is wide and they cover anything from poetics to computers. Some of them are undergraduate diploma programs and others are postgraduate programs. The duration varies from one year to three years.

India broadly has three categories of universities, namely Universities' (Private/Gov.), 'Deemed Universities' and Institutions of National Importance'. The universities are largely autonomous institutions and are free to design, develop and offer programs which they consider relevant and appropriate. University can have several colleges and institutes affiliated to it, which are regulated by them in terms of the admission process, fee structure, course content and student evaluation process.

Given the wide reach, variety of institutions and programs of higher education, a number of professional bodies, regulatory bodies and councils have been established to ensure proper development of higher education in the country in a coordinated manner.

Eligibility & Procedure

For admission to any undergraduate course in universities/ institutes of higher education in India, the candidates need to be in possession of Higher Secondary/GCE 'A' level/any other examination equivalent to 10+2 stage in the Indian schooling system with subjects related to their chosen area of study.

Eligibility criteria for admission to different courses differ from one college to another. The students need to comply with the rules and regulations lay down by each university or college.

The main documents required for foreign students coming to India is:

- Valid passport (Minimum validity of six months);
 - Confirmed letter of acceptance or a Provisional Admission Certificate from a university or a college or a recognized educational institution;
 - Proof of availability of sufficient funds for the duration of studies in India, in the case of self- financing students.
- Health certificate and AIDS-free certificate, as prescribed;
- Student Visa; and
- Proof of long term (at least three years)/permanent residence in the country.

Choosing the Course and Institute

- Foreign students can choose from a wide variety of courses offered by Indian Universities, institutes and colleges.
- Detailed information is available on the websites of individual institutions or universities' websites. **UGC (University Grants Commission – <http://www.ugc.ac.in/>) also gives useful information on Indian universities.**

Application

The academic year in India starts in July-August. Interested students should therefore apply well in advance. They can apply to the institution of their choice directly or can apply through the Ministry of Higher Education, Sri Lanka, for Scholarship and self-financed schemes announced from time to time

Other Important Details

Are the Programmes offered by Indian institutions recognized?

It is mandatory for all universities/institutions offering professional and technical courses in India to be recognized by the national-level statutory bodies established for the maintenance of norms and standards. Indian degrees are recognized worldwide. It is the responsibility of the students to make necessary enquiries in this regard, to satisfy themselves.

Are distances learning Programmes offered in India?

Yes. India has about 11 universities exclusively offering distance education Programmes. Several regular universities also have separate distance education cells. For example, Delhi University has a 'School of Open Learning that offers distance learning courses to students. The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi, is one of the largest open universities in the world, running distance learning Programmes and catering to over one million students worldwide.

Do Sri Lankan students need to give GRE, GMAT, TOEFL, IELTS or any other test?

Indian universities do not insist on such requirements. However, since the academic programmes are taught in English medium, proficiency in English is a must. A prospective student should have studied Higher Secondary in English medium or English should have been one of his/her subjects.

Are there health care facilities in India for Sri Lankan students?

Most Indian institutions have their own campus clinics, where students are treated for ailments like fever, cough, cold, etc. If required, the institutes can also assist students in getting medical insurance.

What are the accommodation alternatives available for Sri Lankan students in India?

All Indian institutions provide hostel accommodation for international students in the hostels located on campus, on a first-come-first-served basis. However, Students selected under various scholarship schemes under ICCR are required to stay in the hostels located in campus of university/institute only.

From where can Sri Lankan students know more about the education options and quality level in India?

The following websites provide useful information:

www.education.nic.in

www.aicte.ernet.in

www.ugc.ac.in

http://www.academia.edu/314435/Study_in_India_A_Guide_by_Knowledge_Must

What is the cost of studying in India?

Indian Universities offer great value for money compared to anywhere else in the world. The average cost of studying in India is almost one-fourth of that charged in most Western universities.

What is the cost of living in India?

In addition to accommodation, the cost of living Expenses (food and others) in India range from USD 150-200 a month, depending on the location.

Do Indian universities offer scholarships to foreign students?

The Government of India provides a number of scholarships for Sri Lankan students, as outlined in this brochure.

Subsidized Self-Finance Slot for

Sri Lankan Students under DASA (Direct Admission to Students Abroad) Scheme

For Bachelor's Degree in Engineering

Sri Lankan students are eligible to compete for more than 2,000 slots under the subsidized fee scheme in some of the topmost engineering colleges in India. The DASA (Direct Admission of Students Abroad) Scheme offers admissions into over 30 institutions such as the National Institute of Technology (NIT) and the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT). Courses in nearly 35 engineering disciplines are offered under the scheme.

Please check the website of DASA <https://www.dasanit.org/dasa> for latest information on fee structure.

Admission process is on the basis of SAT Subject Tests (subjects: Math level II, Physics and Chemistry). An aspiring student should have a minimum total score of 1440 out of 2400. A candidate is required to score a minimum of 6.75 CGPA (Cummulative Grade Point Average) on a 10-point scale or at least 60% aggregate marks. Candidates studying under the Sri Lankan and the International education system are eligible for this scheme.

Post Graduate Degrees (M.Tech and MBA)

Sri Lankan students are eligible to compete for more than 300 (three hundred) seats in 15 reputed institutes for Master's Degree in Engineering/Technology and MBA(Master of Business Administration).

Please check the website of DASA for latest information on fee structure.

Candidates must have passed the qualifying examination, i.e. Four / Five year undergraduate programme in Engineering or equivalent, to be eligible to apply for M.Tech programme. For the MBA programme, the applicant must have completed his under graduate degree of at least 3-years' duration securing 60% aggregate marks or have a 6.75 CGPA on a 10 point scale or equivalent grades in the qualifying examination.

Applicant must have a minimum total of 300 GRE (Graduate Record Examination) Test Score for eligibility for admission to the M.Tech programme and a minimum of 480 GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test) Test Score, in the case of those seeking admission for MBA.

Other Details for DASA

Students from more than 30 countries are studying in these prestigious institutions under the DASA scheme. The Scheme offers a chance for Sri Lankan students to be a part of the transition to a modern knowledge economy, make new friends from around the world and more importantly, receive internationally-recognized qualifications.

The admission process for both under graduate and Post graduate is entirely online and requires a candidate to fill an online application form and make payment of fee electronically. In addition, a signed print copy of the online application forms and makes payment of fee electronically. In addition a signed print copy of the online application form along with necessary documentary evidences has to be submitted to the coordinator DASA.

For more information, please visit DASA Website: <http://dasanit.org> or contact the Coordinator DASA, DASA office, National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surthkal, Mangalore 575025, Karnataka, India, Phone :+91 824 2474085, Email:dasa@nitk.ac.in Government of India Scholarship Schemes for Sri Lankan Students

Government of India scholarship schemes for Sri Lankan Students

The Government of India offers scholarships and fellowships to students from Sri Lanka, enabling them to pursue Undergraduate, Masters and Research in diverse subjects. Scholarships are also available for research work and non-formal courses. For instance, training courses in classical music and dance are also open for application.

Information on these scholarships and schemes is widely publicized through newspapers, radio, TV and internet in the months of December and January every year. The last date for receipt of applications is usually in the first week of February. The selection process is jointly conducted by the Ministry of Higher Education, Sri Lanka, and the High Commission of India (HCI), Colombo. Subsequently, the list of selected candidates is forwarded by the Ministry of Higher Education to the High Commission, for further processing and approval.

Nearly 270 scholarships and self-finances lots are offered each year to Sri Lankan students for higher studies in India. The main categories under which the scholarships are offered.

Commonwealth Scholarship/Fellowship

5 ICCR scholarships are offered annually under this programme for PHD in India. Students can pursue PHD courses in all disciplines including Engineering, Science, Business, Economics, Commerce, Humanities and Arts. However, **Medicine is not covered under this scheme.**

The applicant should be a Sri Lankan citizen. He should have obtained related field post graduate degree.

Nehru Memorial Scholarship Scheme

120 ICCR scholarships are offered annually under this programme for higher studies in India. Students can pursue undergraduate courses in all disciplines including Engineering, Science, Business, Economics, Commerce, Humanities and Arts. However, **Medicine is not covered under this scheme.**

The applicant should be a Sri Lankan citizen not more than 22 years of age. He should have obtained at least a credit pass in each of the core subjects in his GCE 'A' level exam, with at least a pass in the English language paper.

Maulana Azad Scholarship Scheme

This new Scheme has been added from the academic year 2012-13 wherein 50 ICCR scholarships are provided annually for Masters Degrees. This programme is expected to assist researchers, including scholars employed in Sri Lankan universities, to pursue Masters Degrees in some of the world-class institutes in India. While preference would be given to the fields of

Agriculture, Science and Engineering, all other subjects would also be considered under this scheme, **except Medicine and MBA.**

The applicant should be a Sri Lankan citizen not more than 40 years of age. He should have obtained at least a second class degree at the undergraduate level. Candidates working in the private sectors as well as state sector are eligible. Knowledge of English language is a must.

Rajiv Gandhi Scholarship Scheme

In order to share the benefits of India's growth story in the field of Information Technology (IT), this new scheme has been initiated from 2012-13, to provide 25 ICCR scholarships every year for 'Bachelor of Engineering courses in IT, in some of the top-ranked institutes in India. Meritorious students would gain not only from the experience of world-class faculty, but would also get a chance to benefit from campus placements with some of the best companies recruiting students for jobs in India and abroad.

The applicant should be a Sri Lankan citizen not more than 22 years of age. He should have obtained at least a credit pass in each of the core subjects i.e. Physics, Chemistry and combined math in his GCE 'A' level exam, with at least a pass in the English language paper.

Ayush

About 10 scholarships are offered every year for study in the field of Ayurveda, Homeopathy, Siddha and Unani leading to undergraduate, masters and research degrees.

Hindi Scholarships

Up to 10 scholarships are offered every year to pursue advance training in Hindi by the ICCR. The candidate must be a Sri Lankan citizen. In the age group of 21-35 years, having done Hindi as a subject at GCE (A/L); should have done Madhyama examination, 100 or 200 courses of Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra OR any Hindi courses conducted by Universities of Sri Lanka. For more details, please contact the Assistant High Commission of India, 31 Rajaphilla Mawatha, Kandy.

ICCR Undergraduate Scholarship for Music, Dancing, Painting

Up to 10 undergraduate scholarships are offered every year to pursue courses in Dancing, Music and Painting by the ICCR. The candidate must be a Sri Lankan citizen, in the age group of 20-25 years, having a minimum of three passes in their GCE 'A' level including at least a B-Pass in the subject applied for. For more details, please contact the Assistant High Commission of India, 31 Rajaphilla Mawatha, Kandy.

Subsidized Self-Financed Slots **(Engineering, Medicine etc.)**

The Government of India has reserved upto 40 seats, of which 4 to 5 slots are for Medicine, for Sri Lankan students in some of them are reputed Government institutions. Courses offered under this scheme are Undergraduate courses in Medicine (MBBS), Pharmacy (B. Pharm.) and Engineering (B.E/B.Tech). Fee for Medicine and Pharmacy courses is subsidized and is usually less than US\$1,000 per year, while for engineering courses it ranges from US\$ 3,000 to US\$ 7,000 per year.

Applicants studying under the Sri Lankan education system, or following the international system, such as those taking the London 'A' level exams or studying in India, are eligible to apply for this scheme. The candidate should not be more than 22 years of age, with English as a compulsory subject and at least 60 percent (or equivalent marks) marks in each of the core subjects.

Students seeking admission against these reserved seats can apply through the High Commission of India in Colombo. Forms are available at the Education Wing in January / February each year. Duly completed forms are to be submitted by the month of March.

Mahatma Gandhi Scholarship

The Government of India offers 150 scholarships to meritorious Sri Lankan students, six from each of the 25 districts. Students are chosen, in consultation with the Ministry of Education, Sri Lanka, on the basis of their performance in the GCE 'O' Level examination and on merit-cum-means criteria. Selected scholars receive financial assistance of Sri Lankan Rupees 48,000/-over a period of two years to complete their Advance Level studies.

Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC)

Government of India is implementing a scheme called "Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children [SPDC]" since 2006-07. Under this scheme, assistance is provided to the Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) and Non-Resident Indian (NRIs) for pursuing Undergraduate courses in Indian Universities/Institutes.

Under this scheme 150 scholarships are granted to the students from the countries having substantial Indian Diaspora population, for the courses in different fields (**except Medical and related courses**) both professional and non-professional in Engineering/Technology, Humanities/Liberal Arts, Commerce, Management, Journalism, Hotel Management, Agriculture/Animal husbandry etc.

This scheme is applicable to the following four categories:

- Children of Persons of Indian Origin
- Children of Non-Resident of Indians
- Children of Indian workers working in ECR countries studying abroad
- Children of Indian workers in ECR countries – studying in India

Scholarship for Children of Estate Workers (CEWET)

350 scholarships are offered annually to children of estate workers to pursue their 'A' level and undergraduate studies. Applications are invited every year from the students in the Month of April and May. Selected students are provided a monthly stipend for a period ranging from 2-5 years, till they complete their studies.

Scholarships & Implementing Agencies at a Glance

S. No.	Name of Scholarship	Subjects Covered	Implementing Ministry of Govt. of Sri Lanka	No of slots per annum			Tentative date of announcement of Scheme
				Existing	Additional seats***	Total	
1.	Commonwealth Scholarship/ Fellowship	All areas except Medicine. (Masters & research)	Ministry of Higher education	5	Nil	5	
2.	Nehru Memorial Scholarship Scheme: (Earlier called-Scholarship Scheme for Sri Lankan Nationals)	All subjects except Medicine. (Undergraduate degree)	Ministry of Higher education (100 administered through MOHE and 20 reserved for recipients' of Mahatma Gandhi & CEWET	60	60	120	December /January
3.	Maulana Azad Scholarship Scheme	All areas except Medicine. (Master degree)	Ministry of Higher education	Nil	50	50	
4.	Rajiv Gandhi Scholarship Scheme	For studies in the field of IT(BE / BTech courses) Undergraduate	Ministry of Higher education	Nil	25	25	December/ January
5.	AYUSH Scholarship for traditional medicine (Undergraduate degree)	Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, Homeopathy	Ministry of Higher education	Upto 10	Nil	10	
6.	Homeopathy Scholarships by Dept. of AYUSH	Under graduation in Homeopathy	Administered through Ministry of Indigenous Medicine	10	Nil	10	
7.	Hindi Scholarships	For advance training in Hindi	Administered Through Indian Cultural Centre in Colombo	10	Nil	10	March/April

8.	Dance/Music	Under graduation	Administered through Indian Cultural Centre in Colombo	10	Nil	10	
9	Subsidized Self Finance Scheme for Foreign students	Undergraduate degree in Medicine, Dental, Pharma & Engineering	Centrally administered by Ministry of External Affairs New Delhi for all foreign students	20	20	40	January/February
	SUBTOTAL(Scholarships for higher study in India)			125	155	280	
10	Mahatma Gandhi Scholarship Scheme	'A' Level scholarship, for students 6 students selected from each of the 25 districts	Administered through Ministry of Education	100	50	150	April (after O level result)
11	CEWET Scholarship (Implemented through trust fund constituted in 1947 under Sri Lankan laws. The Trust is managed through grants by GOI and)	'A' Level and Undergraduate scholarship to pursue studies in Sri Lanka	Administered by CEWET Trust (Interview will be held in Colombo/Kandy/ Nuwara-Eliya/ Hatton/ Banadarwela	300	50	350	April/May
	SUBTOTAL(Scholarships for study in Sri Lanka)			400	100	500	
	GRAND TOTAL			525	255	780**	

** Total 780 scholarships are offered:

- 280 slots are for higher studies in India
- 500 slots are for studies in Sri Lanka

*** Additional seats offered under the Expanded Scholarship Scheme

Training Programmes offered under the Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Scholarship Scheme

India has made substantial progress and gained useful experience in industrial and technological development after it secured freedom in 1947. The Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme of the Ministry of External Affairs was an earnest attempt by India to share the fruits of its socio-economic development and technological achievement with other developing countries. Accordingly the ITEC Programme was instituted by a decision of the Indian Cabinet on 15 September 1964 as a bilateral programme of assistance of the Government of India. Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, who also served as the External Affairs Minister, was the main architect of the ITEC programme.

ITEC is the flagship programme of the Indian Government's technical cooperation effort, not only because of its wide geographical coverage but also for innovative forms of technical cooperation. ITEC is about cooperation and partnership for mutual benefit. It is demand-driven and response-oriented, and is focused essentially on addressing the needs of developing countries.

Under ITEC and its corollary SCAAP (Special Commonwealth Assistance for Africa Programme), 161 countries in Asia & the Pacific, Africa, Latin America & the Caribbean and East & Central Europe are invited to share in the Indian development experience, acquired since its Independence. It has six components, viz. (i) Training (civilian and defense) in India of nominees from ITEC partner countries; (ii) Projects and project related activities such as feasibility studies and consultancy services; (iii) Deputation of Indian experts abroad; (iv) Study tours; (v) Gifting/Donation of equipment; and (vi) Aid for Disaster Relief. The training programmes have contributed to capacity building and human resource development in many parts of the world. The ITEC/SCAAP programme is a visible symbol of India's role and contribution to South-South Cooperation.

As part of this Programme, the Government of India (GOI) offers slots every year to ITEC/SCAAP partner countries for nominating their nationals for training in India. 8,250 slots have been allocated to ITEC/SCAAP partner countries in 2015-16. On an average, 500 slots are annually offered to Sri Lanka for various programmes in India. Training Brochure for 2017-18 may be seen @<http://www.itecgoi.in>

Scholarships offered to Sri Lanka under the Technical Cooperation Scheme (TCS) of Colombo Plan

In addition to the ITEC slots, the Government of India also offers up to 40 slots to Sri Lanka every year for training in India under the Technical Cooperation Scheme(TCS) of the Colombo Plan.

The TCS of the Colombo Plan was started with a view to providing technical assistance to neighboring Colombo Plan countries. Through this Scheme. The Government of India provides comprehensive and integrated training to participants from member countries of the Colombo Plan with the purpose of assisting them to enhance their administrative and technical capabilities through human resource development.

The programme covers diverse areas, including IT, management, mass communication, finance, rural development, railways, remote sensing, parliamentary studies, public administration and management, banking, rural development, etc.

GUIDELINES (for both ITEC/SCAAP and TCS Colombo Plan)

Who Can Apply?

- Employees and officials in Government, Private and Public Universities, Chambers of Commerce and Industry;
- Having 5 years minimum work experience;
- Applicants who are between the age group of 25-45 years;
- Who are medically fit.

How to apply?

- For ITEC/SCAAP programme, applications must be submitted online at ITEC portal

Eligibility criteria for Admission to Course

- Must have the required academic qualification as laid down by the Institute for the selected course.
- Must have good working knowledge of English to follow the course.

Facilities provided to the ITEC participants are as follows:

Excursion fare/economy class return air ticket

Visa on Gratis basis

Course Fee

Accommodation – Hostel/Hotel

Student Visa Details

What is a student Visa?

Student visas are specifically issued to the students those who wish to come to India for education purpose. Student visas are issued to study in recognized / reputed Universities, educational institutions on the basis of confirmed admission letters and other supporting documents as described below. Children of OCI card holders do not require student visa to study in India.

Eligibility for student visa

- The applicant's sole objective should be to pursue regular and full time academic studies in India and no other purpose or activity.
- The applicant should hold a valid Passport issued by the Sri Lankan Government with enough validity to cover the period of the course.
- The applicant should produce valid admission letter from a recognized university/educational institution including Private institutes such as APTECH, NIIT, TATA INFOTECH OR SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY GROUP.
- In case the applicant does not have a firm letter of admission from the university/ recognized college or institution because the procedure in some institutions may require an admission test etc.' in such cases a '**Provisional Student Visa**' on the basis of provisional admission certificate letter of offer will be issued for short period. This Provisional student visa can be converted to regular student visa by the jurisdictional FRRO/FRO on request by the student with proper admission letter from the University or recognized educational institution.
- The applicant should have the required minimum education qualification to for higher studies in India.
- The applicant or his/her parent should have adequate financial resource for studies in India. They should provide proof of financial resources in the form of Bank statement, admission fee paid receipts etc.

Validity of student visa

- Student visa will be granted for a maximum period up to 5 years or the duration of academic course of study or whichever is less. A maximum of three entries per academic year are allowed to the students to visit their home country during the course of their study in India.
- In emergency situations additional entries could be granted by the FRRO/FRO with prior approval from the University or educational institution.
- In case the duration of a course being undertaken by a foreign student requires stay of more than 5 years from the initial validity of Visa, the student must get visa extension from the jurisdictional FRRO/FRO

Conditions for Student Visa

- There will be no restriction on the number of courses a foreign student may like to undertake and each time the period of validity of the 'Student Visa' will be counted afresh.
- There will be no restriction with reference to the number of courses a student wants to avail of in one institution or multiple institutions, provided the institutions are recognized.
- In case a foreign student wants to change a course midway and join another course, the period for validity of visa will be counted with respect to the duration of the new course.
- There may be a course requirement to complete industrial training/summer project/internship etc which may be a part of the prescribed curriculum. No special permission is required for completion of such industrial training/internship etc.

Registration, renewal of Residential Permits, Exit permit etc for students

- A foreign student is required to register his name with nearest FRRO/FRO within 14 days of arrival in India. The university/college authorities would assist the student for completing the formalities of registration. The student should provide valid passport, visa, bonafide student certificate from the educational institution, financial guarantee, address proof etc. at the time of registration.
- The student will be issued with a Residential Permit by the FRRO/FRO which can be extended or by the FRRO/FRO if need arises.
- Exit permit for a student who wants to return to their home country is also issued by FRRO/FRO within a reasonable time.
- In case a foreign student discontinues his/her course of study abruptly and voluntarily and seeks **Exit** from India FRRO/FRO concerned is empowered to cancel his/her student visa without Prejudice.

Where and how to apply for student visa?

A Sri Lankan student who wants to apply for student visa can apply online for student visa by visiting the web sites of HCI, Colombo, AHCI, Kandy, CGI Jaffna and CGI Hambantota. Students residing in the jurisdiction of AHCI, Kandy (covering Central Province, Sabaragamuwa province, Badulla district of Uva province and Kurunegala district of North Western province) can visit our website www.ahcikandy.org . The students have to fill in an online application given in the web site and submit the application at our Visa Outsourcing agency IVS Global at 675, William Gopalawa Mawatha, Kandy along with all the documents mentioned there in. The visa will be issued after scrutiny in shortest possible time.

Bharatiya Kala Kendra

The Assistant High commission of India, Kandy has a centre for cultural activities under the name of “Bharatiya Kala Kendra” (BKK). Bharatiya Kala Kendra is conducting following classes at its auditorium at no. 31, Rajapihilla Mawatha, Kandy.

S. No.	Name of Subject	Name of Teachers
1.	Hindi Language^	1. Ms. K. Sumali Laksalani 2. Ms. D. Janaki
2.	Bharathanatyam^ Dance	Ms. Prashadini Navaratnarajah
3.	Carnatic Vocal Music^	Ms. B. Kamika
4.	Tabla ^	Mr. Sameera L Gunathilaka
5.	Kathak^	Ms. J.K.M Hansa H Mawanthi

^ For further details about above classes, please visit our website

www.ahcikandy.org

Bharatiya Kala Kendra is affiliated with Bhatkhande Sangeet Vidyapeeth, Lucknow, Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra and Dakshina Bharat Hindi Pracharini Sabha, Chennai for conducting its examinations in Sri Lanka every year.

The fee structure of Bharatiya Kala Kendra Classes is as follows:

No	Name of classes	Annual Registration fee (in SLRs)	Monthly fee (in SLRs)
1.	Hindi Language	1700	No Monthly fee
2	Kathak	500	*
3	Bharthanatyam	500	*
4	Tabla	500	*
5	Carnatic vocal music	500	*

*Please contact concerned music teacher for monthly fee details. For contact details of music teachers, please visit our website <http://www.ahcikandy.org/>

All the candidates interested in seeking admission in the above mentioned courses in Bharatiya Kala Kendra are required to fill the pre-admission form. This is mandatory for all candidates. The candidates are allowed to fill only one common pre-admission form for more than one subject.

The form could be collected from reception of Assistant High Commission of India, Kandy or can be downloaded from the website of AHCI Kandy i.e. <http://www.ahcikandy.org/>.

For More information:

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