

## **Changing face of diplomatic practices: special reference to diplomatic ties between Sri Lanka and India**

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Diplomatic service serves as an integral part of the Foreign Service. The face and the nature of diplomatic ties between India and Sri Lanka were in its pinnacle during the era of Devanampiyathissa in. Likewise since the 3rd century B.C the diplomatic missions and services stood important and crucial in determining the domestic policies, especially within a context of war. Therefore the objective of the study is to examine this changing nature of diplomatic relations on the part of India and to scrutinize the critical role of India's diplomatic mediation to Sri Lankan domestic affairs. The study has given a priority in collecting data through secondary sources including structured interviews taken from reputed individuals from Foreign Service. This qualitative research anticipates in answering whether the role played by India as a member of the international community is merely within the framework of diplomacy or not.

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