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**Inauguration of Language Lab at National College of Education, Akuressa, Matara**

High Commission of India, Colombo is inaugurating the first ever Language Lab at National College of Education, Akuressa in Matara on 10th July 2015 at 1500 hrs in Southern Province under full grant assistance by the Government of India. The Language Lab in Matara (Southern Province) is going to be one of the nine Language Labs that the Government of India has set up in each of the nine provinces of Sri Lanka. Three Language Labs in Gampaha (Western Province), Bingiriya (North Central Province) and Kandy (Central Province) have already been inaugurated. Other locations where Language Labs have been set up include Badulla (Uva Province), Jaffna (Northern Province), Polonnaruwa (North Central Province), Ratnapura (Sabaragamuwa Province) and Addalachenai (Eastern Province)

2. It would be inaugurated by the High Commissioner of India H.E. Mr. Y.K. Sinha along with Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E. Mr. Mangala Samaraweera.

3. The objective of the project is to help enhance English Language training infrastructure in Sri Lanka; impart training to English language teachers from schools, colleges and universities in Sri Lanka; upgrade their skills; and raise the general level of proficiency in English language of various sections of society.

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