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Sri Lanka woos Indian businesses with Ceylon sapphires, Expo 2027 pitch

Priya Pansare reaffirmed WTC Mumbai's commitment to facilitating meaningful industry connections and strengthening bilateral cooperation in trade and investment.

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Sri Lanka business delegation

Sri Lanka's globally recognised Ceylon sapphires and gemstone sector offer significant scope for value-chain partnerships with India's vibrant gems and jewellery industry, said Shirani Ariyarathne, Consul/Minister (Commercial), Consulate General of Sri Lanka.

"We also look forward to strong participation by Indian businesses, especially MSMEs, at Sri Lanka Expo 2027 in Colombo and to further strengthening business ties between our two nations," Ariyarathne said at a meeting organised by MVIRDC World Trade Centre-Mumbai and All India Association of Industries.

"Sri Lanka and India share a relationship that goes well beyond trade, anchored in centuries of cultural and civilizational ties," she said.

"Sri Lanka recorded economic growth of over 6% last year, while its exports grew by around 6% to reach USDI7.3 billion. Our skilled workforce, strategic location and growing export ecosystem position Sri Lanka as an attractive trade and investment hub," said Mangala Wijesinghe, Chairman and CEO, Sri Lanka Export Development Board.