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06th August 2025

Attn: Officer In-Charge Foreign Trainings

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Secretary, Ministry of Environment
Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government
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Call for Nominations: 5th Capacity Building Programme on "Clean Cities, Better Futures: Transforming Urban Sri Lanka with Regional Practices" for the Civil Servants of Sri Lanka, from 15th to 26th September 2025, in India

The Government of India, through the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) has invited nominations from the eligible government officials for the above programme under the Memorandum of Understanding between NCGG and the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA).

02. This course is specifically designed to address the topic of "Urbanization" for Class I and Special Grade Officers from All Island Services who are directly involved in the decision-making process in this critical area.

03. The ultimate aim of the programme is to empower local government institutions to deliver cleaner, smarter, and more responsive urban services. This will be achieved by strengthening the strategic and operational capacity of senior executives engaged in urbanization, including urban services or infrastructure planning, budget preparation, local government, and sustainable city management activities, as well as Clean Sri Lanka Project initiatives at the local government level.

04. In addition to the academic lectures outlined in item No. 05 below, the programme will provide participants with exposure to successful Indian urban models, fostering practical insights into waste management, digitalization, infrastructure planning, and citizen engagement. Therefore, we kindly invite officials working in local authorities, provincial councils/departments, relevant national ministries, and special spending units who are actively engaged in these activities to apply for this programme.

05. The programme encompasses the following contents designed to fulfill its objectives:

- Unplanned Urban Expansion
- Urban Infrastructure & Service Delivery
- Solid Waste Management
- Adoption of Digital Urban Solutions

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- Slum Growth and Housing Inequality
- Institutional and Governance Fragmentation (Levels of Government)
- Environmental Stress and Climate Risks
- Human Resource and Capacity Constraints
- Revenue Constraints in Local Authorities
- Models for Revenue Enhancement (Indian Best Practices)
- Public-Private Partnership (PPP)
- Sri Lankan Adaptation

06. This programme will also help develop a sense of partnership and mutual understanding among participants, thereby strengthening the collaborative relationships among the participants' working organizations.

07. NCGG and SLIDA expect the applying organizations to nominate officers in accordance with the following eligibility criteria.

- **Most Preferably Class I and Special Grade Officers from All Island Services.** In the absence of eligible Special Grade and Class I officials, Class II or III officials will also be considered for participation.
- Preference will be given to those who are working in following areas and relevant functions at your institution:
 - a. Local Authorities - Municipal Councils, Urban Councils
 - b. Provincial Council Departments and Ministries – Officers handling local government, urban services or infrastructure functions
 - c. National Ministries – officials handling subjects of local government, urban development, housing, environment, waste water management, urban planning, and budgeting
 - d. Officials managing activities related to local governments for the "Clean Sri Lanka Project"
- Officers should have a competent command of spoken and written English.
- Candidates must be in good health (both physically and mentally).
- Candidates must have at least two years of service before the compulsory retirement date from the start of this programme.

08. You are kindly informed that the officers who have already received training under the NCGG or ITEC programmes within the last five years are ineligible to apply this programme.

09. We would highly appreciate it if you could circulate this programme among the relevant officials under the purview of your Ministry and submit suitable nominations to the Department of External Resources (ERD) **by 1:00 p.m. on August 19, 2025.** Please be advised that the deadlines for application submission will be strictly enforced. Therefore, it is required to ensure that all applications are submitted by the stipulated time. Each application must include:

- Nomination letter (Approval letter from the Ministry)
- Two sets of the duly filled application form (Annexure - I)
- Two sets of Medical Form (Annexure - II)
- Duly filled Nominees Information Form (Annexure - III)
- A duly filled ERD form (available at www.erd.gov.lk)
- Two copies of the detailed page of the applicant's passport

10. Please note that the total number of participants for the training programme will be limited to forty (40). The final selection of participants will be conducted through a joint mechanism with SLIDA, the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, and the Department of External Resources. The following points should be observed carefully during the selection process:

- Applications will be reviewed based on NCGG's requirements by the Selection Committee.

- Incomplete applications or those not meeting eligibility criteria will be disqualified without further screening.
- A personal interview may be conducted if necessary, based on the number of applications received. Candidates will be notified via email in advance.
- A list of selected candidates will be communicated via email, along with further programme details.
- Submission of false information will be taken seriously.
- Priority will be given to applicants who are working in the regional areas.

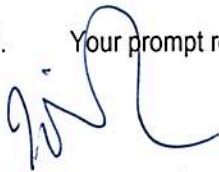
11. Please be advised that any cancellation of nominations after the issuance of air tickets will not be accepted. This policy is in place to ensure the smooth operation of the programme and to manage the associated logistical arrangements effectively. In the event of a cancellation after the air tickets have been issued, the responsible participant will be liable for the repayment of the air ticket cancellation fee, as well as any other administrative costs incurred as a result of the cancellation.

12. Government of India has informed that they will provide the following facilities to participants of the training programme.

- Return Air Ticket from Colombo to Training Institute in India
- Course fees
- Accommodation- Hostel/ Hotel
- Medical expenses (only in case of medical emergency during their training in India)
- Approved study tours (including places of historical importance)

13. We are confident that this training will provide the participants with valuable insights and skills that will contribute to their professional development and the success of the public services and your organization. Therefore, we would be very grateful if you could submit the most suitable nominations to ensure the maximum benefit from this training.

14. Your prompt response in this regard is greatly appreciated.



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Additional Director General
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Copies:

1. Director General, SLIDA – Ref your letter No S/ADG/OD/33 dated 29th July 2025
2. Director General, Department of National Planning
3. Director General, Department of National Budget

