

SriLankan Airlines turns 45, celebrates journey of several milestones

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Colombo : SriLankan Airlines has turned 45 on September 1, 2024, celebrating a trailblazing journey that took off on September 1, 1979, with just two Boeing 707 aircraft. The airline has always remained resilient in the face of turbulence and has consistently championed true Sri Lankan hospitality globally.

Over the years, SriLankan Airlines has proven its versatility in an ever evolving and testing environment. Today, SriLankan continues to be one of the major international airlines from South Asia, having achieved numerous milestones and accolades along the way, said a release.

Speaking on the occasion, Ashok Pathirage, Chairman, SriLankan Airlines, said, "45 years is a long time in any industry, however, achieving this milestone in the commercial airline sector is an even greater feat. SriLankan Airlines is one of the oldest commercial airlines

in this region, and we are incredibly proud of our journey over the past 45 years, despite the regular challenges we have faced. Through it all, SriLankan has remained steadfast in its commitment to our loyal customers and in supporting Sri Lanka through every high and low."

"As we celebrate our achievements, we will also focus on our vision for the future, striving to be the airline of choice for travellers seeking an authentic Sri Lankan experience, personified by the warmth and hospitality of our people," added Richard Nuttall, Chief Executive Officer, SriLankan Airlines.

SriLankan Airlines provides convenient connections to a global network (including codeshare partners) of 114 destinations in 62 countries around the world. The airline's direct route map covers major cities across the Europe, Australia, Middle East, Indian Subcontinent, Southeast Asia and the Far East.

SriLankan operates an all-Airbus fleet consisting wide-bodied A330 aircraft, A321 aircraft and mid-range A320s. For more information visit www.srilankan.com

Key milestones and achievements of the airline include winning the Skytrax Airline of the Year award in Central Asia category in 2001, 2002 and 2003.