

## Soon, Indian tourists may be allowed visa-free entry into Lanka

**Colombo:** Indians touring Sri Lanka may soon not need a visa, as the government is mulling granting visa free entry to visitors from countries like India and China, tourism minister John Amaratunga said on Monday. He said that Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe has appointed a task force to study the possibility of granting visa free entry to visitors from some nations to boost arrivals. India and China along with some European and West Asian nations can benefit from it, he said. The proposal may be implemented in the off-season months. Sri Lanka's tourism had a tough time until a decade back due to the civil war with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. **PTI**