

**Ambassador's Speech**  
**Mine-Free Declaration of Srae Ambel District, Koh Kong Province**  
**June 10, 2025**

Namaskar! Chum reap sur, Good morning,

H.E. Dr. Ly Thuch, Senior Minister and First Vice-President of CMAA

H.E. Major General Sem Ratana, Acting Director General, NPMEC

H.E. Sreng Hong, Deputy Governor of Koh Kong Province

Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am very happy to be here in Koh Kong once again in such quick succession.

It is indeed a special pleasure to join all of you for yet another significant milestone in our shared journey toward a mine-free Cambodia.

Today, we come together to declare **Srae Ambel District** as mine-free—another proud moment for Koh Kong Province and a meaningful step forward in Cambodia's humanitarian mine action efforts.

It was only a few weeks ago that I had the honour of witnessing the declaration of **Botum Sakor District** as mine-free. That occasion demonstrated the deep commitment of the Royal Government of Cambodia, CMAA, and all partner organizations to ensuring the safety and well-being of communities long affected by landmines. India is privileged to be a part of this ongoing journey.

As many of you know, during the visit of our Hon'ble Vice President to Cambodia in 2022, India announced grant assistance for mine clearance in three districts—Botum Sakor, Srae Ambel, and Thma Bang—as well as one commune, Trapeang Rung. With two districts now officially mine-free, we look forward to continuing this momentum.

I hope that under the capable leadership of CMAA, and with the collaboration of all stakeholders, we will soon be able to declare **Thma Bang District** and **Trapeang Rung Commune** mine-free as well.

Landmine clearance is not just about removing physical threats—it is about unlocking the potential of communities, restoring their dignity, and paving the way for inclusive growth. The declaration of Srae Ambel as mine-free will positively impact thousands of lives—making schools, homes, farmland, and infrastructure safer and more accessible.

India remains committed to supporting Cambodia in its mine action efforts. From demining support and training, to victim assistance and capacity-building, our cooperation has remained strong over the decades—and will continue to deepen.

In closing, I extend my warmest congratulations to CMAA, NPMEC, the Royal Government of Cambodia, and all those who have contributed to this important achievement. We are proud to stand with you as you move closer to the goal of a mine-free Cambodia.

Thank you.

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