



SLINEX-22

Why in News

The Ninth Edition of **India - Sri Lanka Bilateral Maritime Exercise SLINEX** (Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise) is being conducted at Visakhapatnam.

- The **8th edition of SLINEX** was conducted off Trincomalee, Sri Lanka in October 2020.



What are the Key Points?

▪ About:

- The exercise is being conducted in two phases, **the Harbour Phase** at Visakhapatnam followed by the **Sea Phase in the Bay of Bengal**.
 - The **Harbour Phase** would include professional, cultural, sporting and social exchanges.
 - **Sea Phase** will include surface and anti-air weapon firing exercises, seamanship evolutions, aviation operations including cross deck flying, advanced tactical manoeuvres and special forces operations at sea.

▪ Fleet:

- Sri Lanka Navy will be represented by **SLNS Sayurala, an advanced offshore patrol vessel** and the **Indian Navy by INS Kirch, a guided missile corvette**.
- **Other participants** from the **Indian Navy**.
 - INS Jyoti, a Fleet support tanker.
 - **Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH)**.
 - Seaking and Chetak Helicopters.

- Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft.

▪ **Aim:**

- It aims to **enhance interoperability, improve mutual understanding and exchange best practices and procedures** for multi-faceted maritime operations between both navies.
- SLINEX **exemplifies the deep maritime engagement between India and Sri Lanka** and has grown in scope over the years to strengthen mutual cooperation, in consonance with India's policy of '**Neighbourhood First**' and vision of '**Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR)**'.

What are the other Exercises between India and Sri Lanka?

- **Exercise MITRA SHAKTI** (Military Exercise)
- **Dosti Trilateral Exercise** (Coast guard India, Maldives and Sri Lanka).

PYQ

'Hand-in-Hand 2007' a joint anti-terrorism military training was held by the officers of the Indian Army and officers of Army of which one of the following Countries? (2008)

- (a) China
- (b) Japan
- (c) Russia
- (d) USA

Ans: (a)

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