

SLINEX-25

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The 12th edition of the **India-Sri Lanka bilateral naval exercise SLINEX-25** concluded successfully in Colombo.

- They paid tribute at the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) Memorial, honoring Indian soldiers who sacrificed their lives during 1987-1990 peacekeeping operations in Sri Lanka.
- The SLINEX bilateral exercises, initiated in 2005, aim to enhance interoperability, mutual understanding, and best practice exchange,
- It reflects deep India-Sri Lanka maritime cooperation aligned with Mutual and Holistic
 Advancement for Security Across the Regions (MAHASAGAR) policy.
- **Defence & Security Cooperation:** Other India-Sri Lanka bilateral exercise is Exercise Mitra Shakti (Army) held alternately in both countries.
 - India acts as a 'first responder' for Sri Lanka in the field of Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief.



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