



## SLINEX 2024

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Recently, the SLINEX 24 (Sri Lanka - India Exercise 2024) **was conducted at Visakhapatnam, India.** It is a **bilateral naval exercise** between India and Sri Lanka.

- The Sea Phase of the exercise included joint exercises by Special Forces of both the navies, **gun firings, communication drills, seamanship**, navigation evolutions, and helicopter operations, with the Indian side participating through **INS Sumitra**.
  - India and Sri Lanka have been conducting **SLINEX exercise since 2005.**
- India and Sri Lanka have a long history of cultural and economic ties **dating back over 2500 years.**
  - **India is Sri Lanka's largest trade partner in SAARC**, with bilateral trade reaching USD 5.5 billion in FY 2023-24. India exports essential goods while Sri Lanka benefits from the **India-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement.**
  - **Other India-SL Bilateral Exercise:** [Exercise Mitra Shakti](#) (Army).

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