



# SLINEX-20: India- Sri Lanka Naval Maritime Exercise

## Why in News

The 8<sup>th</sup> edition of **annual India - Sri Lanka bilateral naval maritime exercise, SLINEX-20** will be held at Trincomalee, Sri Lanka from 19 to 21 October 2020.

- The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of **SLINEX was conducted off Visakhapatnam** in September 2019. SLINEX series of bilateral maritime exercises **were initiated in 2005**.

## Key Points

- **Aim:**
  - SLINEX aims to **enhance interoperability, improve mutual understanding and exchange best practices** and procedures for multi-faceted maritime operations between both navies.
  - It exemplifies the deep engagement between India and Sri Lanka which has strengthened mutual cooperation in the maritime domain.
- **The 2020 Exercise:**
  - In SLINEX-20, the Indian Navy will be represented by **Indigenously built ASW corvette Kamorta** and **Kiltanunder**.
    - Indian Navy **Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH)** and **Chetak helicopters** and **Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft** will also be participating.
  - The Sri Lanka Navy will be represented by **SLN Ships Sayura (Offshore Patrol Vessel) and Gajabahu (Training Ship)**.
  - The maritime exercise will also **showcase capabilities of India's indigenously constructed naval ships and aircraft**.
  - **Surface and anti-air exercises including weapon firing, seamanship evolutions, manoeuvres and cross deck flying operations** are planned during the exercise, which will further enhance the high degree of interoperability already established between the two friendly navies.
- **Covid Impact:**
  - The exercise is being conducted in a **non-contact 'at-sea-only'** format in the backdrop of [Covid-19 pandemic](#).
- **Outcome:**
  - The exercise plays a significant role in strengthening bilateral ties and also reiterating India's policy of **'Neighbourhood First'** and ['Security and Growth for all in the Region \(SAGAR\)'](#).

### Important Bilateral and Multilateral Defence Exercises

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| Indra   | India-Russia Naval Exercise   |
| Malabar | US-India-Japan Naval Exercise |
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| Varuna         | France and India Naval Exercise                |
| Simbex         | India and Republic of Singapore Naval Exercise |
| Ibsamar        | India, Brazil and South Africa Naval Exercise  |
| Konkan         | India and Britain Naval Exercise               |
| Ausindex       | India and Australia Naval Exercise             |
| Naseem Al-Bahr | India-Oman Naval Exercise                      |

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