

INDIA - SRI LANKA ANNUAL BILATERAL MARITIME EXERCISE (SLINEX-26)

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The 13th edition of the Sri Lanka-India bilateral maritime exercise, SLINEX-26, is being conducted **at Visakhapatnam from 17 to 21 Sep 26**. The exercise commenced with the Harbour Phase, which will be followed by the Sea Phase.

INS Kavaratti, an indigenous Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette, and INS Jyoti, the Fleet Tanker, will participate from the Indian Navy, while *SLNS Sindurala* represents the Sri Lanka Navy.

Conceptualised in 2005, SLINEX has evolved into an important forum for fostering maritime cooperation, interoperability and mutual understanding between the two Navies. The Harbour Phase, conducted under the aegis of the Eastern Naval Command, commenced with an opening ceremony and reception onboard INS Kavaratti for the visiting crew of *SLNS Sindurala*. The phase includes professional interactions, cross-deck visits, sharing of best practices, Yoga, sports and cultural activities. The subsequent Sea Phase will focus on enhancing operational synergy and interoperability through coordinated activities at sea.

Aligned with India's vision of **MAHASAGAR**, SLINEX-26 reinforces India's commitment to a secure, stable and inclusive maritime environment and further consolidates the enduring maritime partnership between India and Sri Lanka.





