



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 17, 2024

### DEFENCE

#### ➤ Exercise SLINEX

- ✓ The Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise (SLINEX) is a significant annual event that fosters maritime cooperation between the two nations.



- ✓ Initiated in 2005, SLINEX has grown in scope and importance over the years, strengthening the bilateral relationship between India and Sri Lanka.
- ✓ The 2024 edition of SLINEX will be held from December 17 to December 20, 2024, at Visakhapatnam under the auspices of the Eastern Naval Command.

### SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

#### ➤ Gympie-Gympie: The World's Most Toxic Plant

- ✓ The Gympie-Gympie, scientifically known as *Dendrocnide moroides*, is notorious as the most toxic plant in the world, primarily found in rainforests of Australia, Indonesia, and the Moluccas.



- ✓ Despite its unassuming appearance with heart-shaped leaves, this stinging tree is covered with fine, hair-like trichomes loaded with powerful neurotoxins.
- ✓ Contact with the plant causes excruciating pain described as being “burnt with hot acid and electrocuted at the same time,” with effects that can persist for weeks or even months.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Pensioners Day - December 17**
- ✓ Honouring D.S. Nakara’s Fight for Pension Rights.



- ✓ Pensioners Day, observed annually on 17th December in India, is a tribute to D.S. Nakara, the pioneer who fought relentlessly for the rights and dignity of pensioners.
- ✓ This day commemorates the landmark Supreme Court judgment of 1982, which guaranteed equality and justice for retired officials and pensioners.

