



Goa Liberation Day

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Why in News

Goa Liberation Day is **observed on 19th December every year in India**. The occasion marks the day **Indian armed forces freed Goa in 1961 from, 450 years of Portuguese rule**.

- The Portuguese colonised several **parts of India in 1510** but by the end of the 19th century Portuguese colonies in India were limited to **Goa, Daman, Diu, Dadra, Nagar Haveli and Anjediva Island**.
- The Goa liberation movement, which sought to end Portuguese colonial rule in Goa, started off with small scale revolts, but reached its peak between 1940 to 1960, ending **when India invaded Goa in 1961**.

After the failure of diplomatic efforts with Portuguese, military operation code-named '**Operation Vijay**' was conducted by Indian Navy, Airforce and Army and Goa was liberated on 19th December, 1961.