



Kargil Vijay Diwas

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The 22nd anniversary of **Kargil Vijay Diwas** was observed on the 26th of July 2021.

- The day is dedicated to the martyred soldiers of the Kargil war.

Key Points

▪ About:

- After the Indo-Pak war of 1971, there had been many military conflicts. Both the countries conducted nuclear tests in 1998 which further escalated tensions and finally the Kargil War in 1999.
- Kargil War, also known as the Kargil conflict, was fought between **May-July of 1999 in the Kargil** (now a district in the UT of Ladakh) **district of Jammu and Kashmir** along the **Line of Control (LoC)** in which India got the victory.

▪ Operation Vijay:

- In the **year 1999**, India and Pakistan signed the Lahore Agreement **to mutually resolve the Kashmir issue in a peaceful manner.**
- However, the **Pakistani troops began infiltrating toward Indian side of the Line of Control (LoC) under Operation Badr**, hoping to cut off Indian Troops in Siachen. Indian Army responded by launching Operation Vijay.
- On 3rd May 1999, **Pakistan started this war** when it had infiltrated into the high altitudes in the rocky mountainous region of Kargil with around 5000 soldiers and captured it.
- When the Indian Government got the information about it, **'Operation Vijay'** was launched by the Indian army to throw back the intruders who had treacherously occupied Indian Territory.

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