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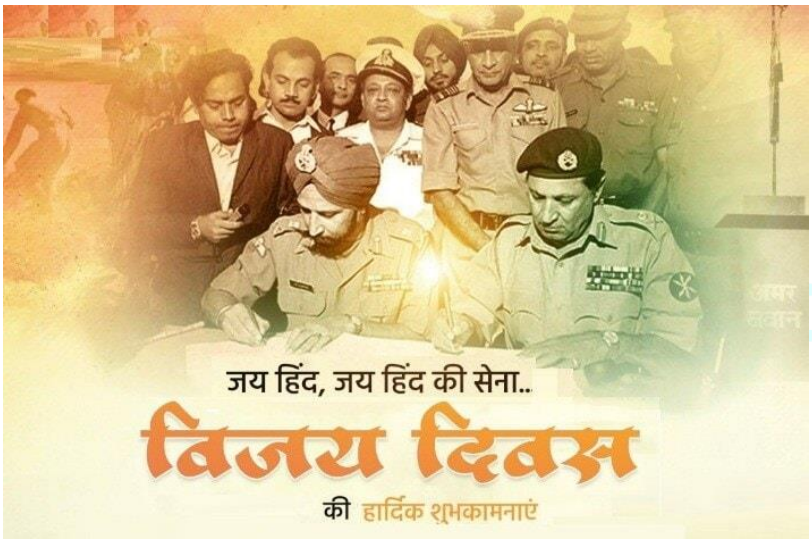
Vijay Diwas 2025: A Tribute to India's Historic Victory

- Vijay Diwas is observed every year on 16 December in India to commemorate the historic victory of the Indian Armed Forces in the 1971 Indo-Pak War. Today, 16 December 2025, the nation proudly remembers this landmark moment that led to the liberation of Bangladesh and showcased India's military strength, strategic brilliance, and humanitarian values.
- **Historical Background of Vijay Diwas**
- The Indo-Pak War of 1971 was fought over the liberation struggle of East Pakistan, which later became Bangladesh. The conflict lasted for just 13 days, making it one of the shortest wars in modern military history.
- On 16 December 1971, the Pakistani forces in East Pakistan formally surrendered to the Indian Army at Dhaka. Around 93,000 Pakistani soldiers laid down their arms before the joint command of the Indian Army and the Mukti Bahini (Bangladesh Liberation Forces). This surrender marked a decisive victory for India and the birth of an independent Bangladesh.
- **Role of the Indian Armed Forces**
- The victory in 1971 was achieved through the coordinated efforts of:
- Indian Army
- Indian Navy
- Indian Air Force
- Under the leadership of General Sam Manekshaw, the Indian Armed Forces executed a well-planned and swift campaign. The Indian Navy's operations in the Bay of Bengal and the Indian Air Force's air superiority played a crucial role in weakening enemy defenses and ensuring a quick victory.
- **Significance of Vijay Diwas**

- Vijay Diwas holds immense importance for India because:
- It symbolizes military excellence and strategic planning
- It reflects India’s commitment to human rights and freedom
- It stands as a reminder of the sacrifice and bravery of Indian soldiers
- It strengthened India’s position as a regional power in South Asia
- The day also highlights India’s role in supporting oppressed populations and promoting peace and stability in the region.
- As India celebrates **Vijay Diwas on 16 December 2025**, the nation bows in respect to the brave hearts who fought selflessly for honor, freedom, and justice. Their valor continues to inspire generations of Indians to serve the nation with dedication and integrity.



Putin signs a Law Ratifying Military Logistics Pact with India

- Close on the heels of his visit here, Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed a law ratifying the intergovernmental agreement between Russia and India, which outlines the procedure for sending military formations, warships, and military aircraft to the territories of both countries. This agreement pertains to the Reciprocal Exchange of Logistics Agreement (RELOS).
- The official document was published on the website of Russia's legal acts.
- This agreement aims to establish a framework for the deployment of military formations, docking of warships in ports, and use of airspace and airfield

infrastructure by military aircraft from both Russia and India. It also covers logistical support for military formations during joint exercises, training, humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, and other situations as mutually agreed upon.

- this agreement will foster closer ties and enhance collaboration in the defence sector, facilitating smoother operational cooperation between the two countries' armed forces.

Army Showcases Reconstructed Turkish YIHA Drone

- The Indian Army has unveiled a reconstructed Turkish Yiha drone, a kamikaze unmanned combat aerial vehicle (UCAV) deployed by Pakistan during the recent hostilities known as Operation Sindoor.
- This display took place on Monday, 15 December 2025, at an event hosted by Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi to mark Vijay Diwas, which commemorates India's victory in the 1971 war against Pakistan and the subsequent creation of Bangladesh.
- Operation Sindoor unfolded between 7 and 10 May 2025, triggered by India's retaliatory air strikes on terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan-controlled territories following the deadly Pahalgam terror attack. The four-day conflict saw intense military exchanges, culminating in an understanding to cease hostilities on the evening of 10 May.
- Pakistan employed a significant number of Yiha drones during these clashes, targeting both Indian military installations and civilian sites. These single-use

attack drones, also termed suicide or loitering munitions, are designed to loiter over a target area before diving in to detonate on impact.

- The specific Yiha drone on display was intercepted on 10 May while flying at an altitude of 2,000 metres. Launched from Lahore International Airport, it was en route to Jalandhar, carrying a 10 kg explosive payload intended for catastrophic destruction upon collision.
- With a compact wingspan of two metres, the Yiha is powered by a two-stroke engine rated at 170 cc horsepower. This lightweight design enables it to function as a multi-role kamikaze system, blending reconnaissance with precision strike potential.
- The Indian military's counter-drone systems proved highly effective, downing almost all Yiha UCAVs deployed by Pakistan. These apparatuses integrate radar, electronic warfare, and kinetic interceptors, forming a robust layered defence against low-altitude aerial threats.

Jaishankar To Visit Israel

- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar is set to embark on a significant diplomatic mission, commencing with high-level engagements in the United Arab Emirates before proceeding to Israel. This itinerary, announced by the Ministry of External Affairs on 15 December 2025, underscores India's deepening strategic ties in the Gulf and Middle East regions.
- Jaishankar's visit follows his participation in the prestigious Sir Bani Yas Forum, held from 12 to 14 December in Abu Dhabi's Western Region.
- The annual gathering convenes senior leaders, policymakers, and experts from across the globe to deliberate on pressing regional and international matters, particularly those concerning peace, security, and economic collaboration.
- India-Israel relations have gained momentum since the establishment of full diplomatic ties in 1992, with trade volumes surpassing £7 billion annually. Key pillars include collaboration in missile defence systems, cybersecurity, and water management technologies, reflecting mutual strategic interests.
- The timing of Jaishankar's trip to Israel assumes added significance against the backdrop of ongoing Middle East dynamics, including the Israel-Hamas conflict and efforts towards regional normalisation via the Abraham Accords. Discussions may touch upon counter-terrorism, energy security, and India's balanced stance on the Israel-Palestine issue.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **Vijay Diwas is observed every year in India on which date to commemorate the victory in the 1971 Indo-Pak War?**

A. 26 January
B. 15 August
C. 16 December
D. 2 October
ANSWER: C

2. The Indo-Pak War of 1971 lasted for how many days, making it one of the shortest wars in modern history?
A. 7 days
B. 13 days
C. 21 days
D. 30 days
ANSWER: B

3. Approximately how many Pakistani soldiers surrendered to the Indian Army and Mukti Bahini on 16 December 1971?
A. 45,000
B. 60,000
C. 75,000
D. 93,000
ANSWER: D

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4. The Reciprocal Exchange of Logistics Agreement (RELOS) ratified by Russia and India primarily focuses on:
A. Joint nuclear weapons development
B. Civil aviation cooperation
C. Logistical support for military forces, warships, and aircraft
D. Space technology collaboration
ANSWER: C

5. The reconstructed Turkish Yiha drone showcased by the Indian Army was intercepted during which operation?
A. Operation Vijay
B. Operation Rakshak
C. Operation Sindoor
D. Operation Parakram
ANSWER: C

6. Which country is not a founding member of the SCO?

A. Russia
B. China
C. India
D. Kazakhstan

ANSWER: C

7. The Douglas C-47 Skytrain or Dakota Is A

A. UAV
B. Military Transport Aircraft
C. Fighter Aircraft
D. None

ANSWER: B

8. Defence Industrial Corridor (DICs) Is/Are Located In

A. UP
B. T.N
C. M.H
D. Both A & B

ANSWER: D

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9. Solomon Islands Is Located On

A. Indian Ocean
B. Pacific Ocean
C. Arctic Ocean
D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

10. Saab AB Is An Aerospace Company of

A. USA
B. Sweden
C. France
D. China

ANSWER: B

11. C-130J Super Hercules Is A

A. Destroyer
B. OPV

C. Submarine
D. Transport Aircraft
ANSWER: D

12.“Secure Application for Internet (SAI)” Has Been Developed By
A. IAF
B. Indian Army
C. ICG
D. NSG
ANSWER: B

13.Joint Exercises B/w The India And Nepal Is Called:
A. Surya Kiran
B. SLINEX
C. Indra
D. Yudha Abhyas
ANSWER: A

14. Hq Of Mazagaon Dockyard Limited Is In
A. New Delhi
B. Mumbai
C. Chennai
D. Kolkata
ANSWER: B

15. “Battle Ready for 21st Century" Book Is Written By
A. Shashi Tharoor
B. Geetanjali Shree’s
C. Richa Mishra
D. Lt Gen AK Singh and Brig. Narendra Kumar
ANSWER: D

16. Where Is The Hq Of The Eastern Command of The Indian Navy?
A. Kochi
B. Vishakhapatnam
C. Pune
D. Mumbai
ANSWER: B

17. Joint Exercises B/w The India And USA Is Called:

A. Surya Kiran
B. Vajra Prahar
C. Yudha Abhyas
D. Both B & C

ANSWER: D

18. In IAF Flights are sub-divisions of squadrons, commanded by a__.

A. Squadron Leader
B. Flying Officer
C. Air Marshal
D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

19. DRDO Lakshya Is A

A. Fighter Jet
B. Ship
C. Tank
D. UAV

ANSWER: D

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20. Exercise Samudra Shakti Conducted B/w Indonesia &

A. India
B. Nepal
C. Bangladesh
D. Bhutan

ANSWER: A