



Kargil Vijay Diwas

Why in News?

The 23rd anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas is being observed on the 26th of July 2022.

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

What do we know about the Kargil War?

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- **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 the Indian side of the **Line of Control (LoC)** under **Operation Badr**, hoping to cut off Indian Troops in Siachen.
 - **The 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 5,000 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.

What is the National War Memorial?

- Inaugurated in 2019, it is around 400 meters from India Gate.
- The layout of the structure comprises four concentric circles, named:
 - the "**Amar Chakra**" or **Circle of Immortality**.
 - the "**Veerta Chakra**" or **Circle of Bravery**.
 - the "**Tyag Chakra**" or **Circle of Sacrifice**.
 - the "**Rakshak Chakra**" or **Circle of Protection**.
- The proposal for a **National War Memorial was first made in the 1960s**.
- The memorial is dedicated to soldiers who laid down their lives defending the nation during:
 - [Sino-Indian](#) war in 1962
 - **Indo-Pak** wars in 1947, 1965 and 1971
 - [Indian Peace Keeping Force Operations in Sri Lanka](#) 1987-90
 - **Kargil Conflict** in 1999.
- The National War Memorial also commemorates the soldiers who participated and made supreme sacrifices in [United Nations peace-keeping missions](#), **Humanitarian Assistance Disaster Relief (HADR)** operations, **counterinsurgency operations** and **Low-Intensity Conflict Operations (LICO)**.

UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Questions (PYQs)

Q. Analyze the circumstances that led to the Tashkent Agreement in 1966. Discuss the highlights of the Agreement. **(2013)**

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