



## Northern Command Marks Vijay Diwas

### Why in News?

Recently, the [Army's Northern Command](#) celebrated [Vijay Diwas](#) across various parts of J&K and Ladakh to commemorate [India's victory over Pakistan in 1971](#).

### Key Points

- **Vijay Diwas Celebrations by Northern Command:**
  - The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the **Northern Command led the wreath-laying ceremony** at the Dhruva War Memorial.
  - During the event, he **honored the brave soldiers of the [Indian armed forces](#)**.
  - He also interacted with veterans, acknowledging their legacy of courage and dedication.
- **Celebration by the Jammu-based Tiger Division:**
  - The [Tiger Division of the Army](#) commemorated 53 years of India's victory over Pakistan at the Balidan Stambh War Memorial.
  - The ceremony honored the supreme sacrifice of soldiers during the 1971 India-Pakistan War, which concluded in just 13 days on 16<sup>th</sup> December 1971.
  - The Deputy General Officer Commanding, Tiger Division, laid a wreath at the '**Eternal Flame**' of the **Balidan Stambh War Memorial**, paying tribute to the gallant soldiers who thwarted Pakistan's designs during the war.

### Vijay Diwas

- Vijay Diwas is observed on **16th December every year** to mark **India's victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war**.
- On **16<sup>th</sup> December 1971**, the chief of the Pakistani forces had surrendered unconditionally to the allied forces consisting of Indian Army and Mukti Bahini in Dhaka.
- The end of the **14-day war** resulted in subsequent **secession of East Pakistan into Bangladesh**.
- To mark the event, Indian Air Force has also felicitated a team of **25 Air Warriors** for undertaking a running expedition from **Kargil to Kohima**- aptly named as **K2K Ultra Marathon-Glory Run**.