

Zojila Day

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About Zojila Day:

- It aims to celebrate the gallant action by Indian troops in **‘Operation Bison’ in 1948** which was launched on the icy heights of Zojila pass, the gateway to Ladakh.
- This day marked the Indian Army’s historic win over the Pakistani regulars and infiltrators, and helped recapture the strategic Zojila Pass
- **This battle was also historic for the reason that tanks were used for the first time at such heights.**

Zojila Pass:

- Zojila is a pass connecting the Kashmir Valley with the cold Indus valley desert in Ladakh region through the 434-km strategic Srinagar-Leh National Highway.
- It runs at an elevation of approximately 3,528 metres (11,575 ft), and is the second highest pass on the Srinagar-Leh National Highway after Fotu La.
- It is often closed during winter. The Beacon Force unit of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is responsible for its clearing and maintenance during Winter.

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