

Swarnim Vijay Parv

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In news-Recently, Swarnim Vijay Parv was celebrated at India Gate, New Delhi on December 12-13, 2021 to commemorate 50 years of India's historic victory in the 1971 war and the Indo-Bangladesh friendship.

A brief note on Indo-Pak war of 1971-

- **It was a military confrontation between India and Pakistan** that occurred during the **Bangladesh Liberation War** in East Pakistan from 3 December 1971 to the fall of Dacca (Dhaka) on 16 December 1971.
- Pakistan launched the brutal genocide '**Operation Searchlight**' to curb the Bengali resistance.
- The war began **with Operation Chengiz Khan's preemptive aerial strikes on 11 Indian air stations, which led to the commencement of hostilities** with Pakistan and Indian entry into the war for independence in East Pakistan on the side of Bengali nationalist forces.
- All the three wings- the Army, the Air Force, and the Navy valiantly fought in the war.
- **As part of the war, the Battle of Longewala** (in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan) **began** on the intervening night of December 4th-5th.
- **13 days after the war started, India achieved a clear upper hand, the Eastern Command of the Pakistan military signed the instrument of surrender** on 16 December 1971 in Dhaka, marking the formation of East Pakistan as the new nation of Bangladesh.
- Officially, East Pakistan had earlier called for its secession from Pakistan on 26 March 1971.



- **The Simla Agreement was signed by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto of Pakistan on 2nd July 1972** was much more than a peace treaty seeking to reverse the consequences of the 1971 war (i.e. to bring about withdrawals of troops and an exchange of PoWs).

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<https://journalsofindia.com/50th-anniversary-of-1971-india-pakistan-war/>