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Zojila Day & Operation Bison

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Why is in news? Zojila Day commemorated at Zojila War Memorial near Drass to celebrate action by Indian troops in 1948 Operation Bison

Zojila Day was **commemorated at Zojila War Memorial near Drass** on November 1 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.

The commemoration of the day was marked with a solemn wreath-laying by Commander Dras Warriors of the Leh-based Fire and Fury Corps, to pay homage to the gallant bravehearts, who have etched their names in history by **liberating the Zojila pass from Pakistani Intruders**.

Zojila day epitomises the **indomitable spirit of bravery and 'Never Say Die' attitude** of the Indian Army.

This battle was also **historic for the reason that tanks were used for the first time at such heights**.

Operation Bison is the codename of the **assault and capture of Zoji La, Dras and Kargil district in Ladakh** by the Indian Army **during the Indo-Pakistani War of 1947-1948**.

Zoji La had been seized by Pakistani raiders in 1948 in their campaign to capture Ladakh.

The pass was **recaptured by Indian forces** on 1 November in a daring assault, which **achieved success primarily due to the surprise use of armour, then the highest altitude** at which armour had operated in combat in the world.

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