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# Operation Safed Sagar: IAF Role in 1999 Kargil War Commemorated

The Indian Air Force commemorated the pivotal role of Operation Safed Sagar on the 27th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas.

Operation Safed Sagar was the code-name assigned to the Indian Air Force's air support operations during the 1999 Kargil Conflict.

## KEY EXAM POINTS

- **Mirage-2000**, MiG-21, and MiG-27 fighter jets were deployed under **Operation Safed Sagar** during the **1999** Kargil War.
- High-precision **Laser-Guided Bombs** (LGBs) were deployed for the first time by the **Indian Air Force** to target high-altitude enemy positions.
- The air strikes were delivered at extreme high altitudes in the **Dras** sector of **Jammu and Kashmir**.
- **IAF** helicopters provided crucial support for casualty evacuation and troop logistics during the high-altitude conflict.
- **Kargil Vijay Diwas** is commemorated annually on **July 26** at the Dras War Memorial.
- **No. 17 Squadron** of the IAF, popularly known as the **Golden Arrows**, played a prominent role during the operation.

## DID YOU KNOW..!?

**Operation Vijay** was the code-name for the Indian Army's ground operation to clear infiltrators in Kargil in **1999**.

**Operation Talwar** was the maritime movement executed by the **Indian Navy** in the Arabian Sea during the Kargil War.

The Indian Air Force was officially established on **October 8, 1932**, and Air Force Day is celebrated on **October 8**.

**Operation Meghdoot** was launched by the Indian Armed Forces on **April 13, 1984** to secure the **Siachen Glacier**.

**Operation Cactus** was conducted by India in **1988** to thwart a coup attempt in the **Maldives**.

**Mirage 2000** multirole fighter jets are manufactured by French aerospace company **Dassault Aviation**.

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*Operation Safed Sagar was the IAF air strike operation during the 1999 Kargil War using Mirage-2000 aircraft.*

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Group 1, 2, and 4 questions on Indian Armed Forces operations, military anniversaries, and modern defence history.

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