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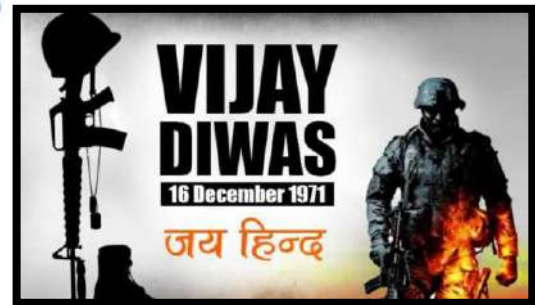


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## NATIONAL NEWS

- The Ministry of Coal announced that it is to establish a **Sustainable Development Cell** in the country. The cell will gain significance as the **new private entities** will form a significant part of the future.
  - The aim of the cell is to promote environmentally sustainable coal mining in India.
  - **Related Keys:**
    - The Sustainable Development cell (SDC) will plan, advise, mentor, and monitor the mitigation measures that are taken by the coal companies to maximize the utilization of available resources in a sustainable way.
- **Gujarat police** was honoured with the **President's Colours award** on 15 December 2019. Gujarat became the **seventh state police force** in India to be bestowed with the honour of the President's Colours.
  - It was presented by the Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu. He paid homage martyrs of Gujarat Police.
  - President's Colours is also called **NISHAAN**.
  - **Related Keys:**
    - The President's Colour is the **highest honour** bestowed upon a police force in India.
    - Earlier, it was awarded to states of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir, Tripura and Assam.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The **shuttle train** service between Lahore and Wagah railway station resumed operation on 15 December 2019 after a gap of 22 years.
  - The train would complete three round trips daily as well as will provide the travelling facility to over **1,000 passengers in three trips**.

- **Related Keys:**
  - Shuttle train refers to a train that runs back and forth between two points, especially if it offers a frequent service over a short route.
  - They commonly operate as a fixed consist, and run non-stop between their termini.
  
- China feeds 22 per cent of the world's population with 7 percent the **world's arable land**," Qu said at the ongoing **World Youth Forum (WYF)** held at Egypt's Red Sea resort city of Sharm El Sheikh, the Xinhua news agency reported.
  - He said that Sound agricultural policy, innovation, and good management are keys to the Chinese success in achieving food security.
  - **Related Keys:**
    - Capital- Beijing.
    - Currency- Renminbi.
  
- The **seventh edition of Exercise Mitra Shakti-VII 2019** concluded on 14 December 2019 at Aundh Military Station, Pune. The exercise was held between the **Indian Army and the Sri Lankan Army**.
  - The exercise aimed to enhance the operational efficiency and interoperability between the Indian Army and Sri Lanka Army.
  - **Related Keys:**
    - The exercise will involve tactical level operations in an international Counter Insurgency and Counter Terrorist environment under United Nations mandate.
    - Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-VI will go a long way in further cementing relationship between both the nations and will act as a catalyst in bringing synergy and cooperation at grassroots levels between both the armies.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Vijay Diwas** is celebrated on **16 December** every year. The day aims to commemorate the victory of **India over Pakistan in 1971**.
  - The day also a remembrance of the brave soldiers of India and Mukti Joddhas who sacrificed their lives for a noble cause.
  - **Related Keys:**
    - On 16 December 1971, the chief of the Pakistani forces, General AA Khan Niazi, along with 93 thousand troops, surrendered to the allied forces consisting of the Indian Army and Mukti Bahini.
    - The war culminated with the subsequent secession of East Pakistan into Bangladesh.

## WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Nuance** : a subtle difference in or shade of meaning
  - Synonym : implication , gradation , distinction
  - Antonym : brightness , light , information
- **Revamping** : give new and improved form
  - Synonym : refurbish , remodel , restore , make-over
  - Antonym : break , damage , destroy , ruin