



Indian Army Day

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Army Day is celebrated every year on **15th January** in India to commemorate the jawans and the Indian Army.

- The Army Day celebrations, which began in 1949, will be observed for the 72nd time in 2020.
- Army Day is celebrated to mark Lt Gen K M Cariappa taking over as commander-in-chief of the Indian Army in 1949 from General Francis Butcher, the last British commander-in-chief of India.
- The Indian Army was established on April 1, 1895. Its motto is
- "Service before self."
- **Difference in 2020**
 - The Army Day parade in New Delhi will see for the first time a woman, Captain Tania Shergill, leading an all-men contingent.
 - Apart from the three service chiefs, India's first chief of defence staff General Bipin Rawat will also attend the parade.

Battle of Asal Uttar

- The battle of Asal Uttar was a very key turning point during the **Indo-Pakistan war of 1965**, which set the course of India's victory. It was fought from 8th-10th September, 1965.
- It is described by historians as one of the largest tank battles in history since World War II.
- Asal Uttar is a village 12 km from the international border with Pakistan in Punjab's Tarn Taran district.

MQ-9B Sky Guardian

- It is the next generation Remotely Piloted Aircrafts Systems (RPAS).

- It is a highly modular aircraft and is rapidly configurable with a variety of payloads and weapons.

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