



# Indian Army Day

## Why in News

Army Day is celebrated every year on 15<sup>th</sup> January in India to commemorate the jawans and the Indian Army.

- This year India is celebrating its 74<sup>th</sup> Army Day.

## Key Points

### ▪ Historical Background:

- On 15<sup>th</sup> January 1949, **Field Marshal Kodandera M. Cariappa**, who was then a Lieutenant General, took over as the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army from General Sir Francis Butcher, the last British person to hold that post.
- K. M. Cariappa adopted the slogan '**Jai Hind**' which means '**Victory of India**'. He is also one of only two Indian Army officers to hold the Five-star rank of Field Marshal, the other being Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw.

### ▪ Army Day:

- Army Day is **celebrated every year to honor the soldiers of the country**, who have set the greatest example of selfless service and brotherhood and more than anything the love for the country.
- In the celebration of Army Day, the parade is organised every year at the Cariappa Parade Ground of Delhi Cantonment.

### ▪ Indian Army:

- The Indian army originated from the forces of the **East India Company**, which later became the 'British Indian Army', and eventually, after Independence, the Indian Army.
- The Indian Army was **founded almost 126 years ago by the British** on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1895.
- India's army is considered the world's fourth strongest army.

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