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General Anil Chauhan (Appointed on September 30, 2022)

- History**
 - Recommended by:
 - K. Subrahmanyam Committee 1999
 - Lt General D.B. Shekatkar (retd) Committee 2015
 - First CDS of India:** General Bipin Rawat (Appointed on January 1, 2020)
- Qualification**
 - Any serving or retired Lieutenant General, Air Marshal and Vice Admiral
 - Age should be below 62 years on the date of his appointment
- Appointment**
 - Appointed by Appointments Committee of the Cabinet
 - Holds office for 3 years, or until the age of 65, whichever comes first
- Provisions After Retirement**
 - He will not be eligible to hold any government office
 - No private employment without prior approval for a period of 5 years
- Role**
 - Permanent Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC) and Secretary of the Department of Military Affairs (DMA)
 - Head of the Integrated Defence Staff
 - Member of:
 - National Security Council
 - Nuclear Command Authority
 - Defence Cyber Agency
 - Defence Space Agency
 - Defence Acquisition Council
 - Defence Planning Committee
 - CDS will **not exercise any military command, including over the three service chiefs**, to provide impartial advice to the political leadership
- Responsibilities**
 - Provide **single-point military advice** to government
 - Better **management of country's strategic resources & nuclear arsenal**
 - Bring **synergy among Army, Navy & Air Force** by resolving inter-service doctrinal, planning procurement & operational problems
 - Streamline **long-term defence planning & procurement process**
 - Integrate Service Headquarters with defence ministry & reduce civil-military divide

Other Countries with the Post of CDS

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