



## 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 **73<sup>rd</sup> Army Day**.

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### 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.**
- According to the **Global Fire Power Index 2021**, India's army is considered the **world's fourth strongest army.**

- **Global Fire Power Index:** The **rankings for the index are reached after judging the countries on 50 parameters**, including military resources, natural resources, industry and geographical features and available manpower.

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