



77th India Army Day

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Indian Army Day is celebrated annually on **15th January** to commemorate the **appointment of General (later Field Marshal) K. M. Cariappa** as the **first Indian Commander-in-Chief** of the Indian Army in **1949**.

- He succeeded **British General Sir F. R. R. Bucher**, marking a historic moment in India's post-independence military leadership.
- **2025 Theme: 'Samarth Bharat, Saksham Sena'** (Capable India, Empowered Army).
- **Hosts:** Pune hosts the Army Day parade for the **first time**, emphasizing its military significance.
 - It is home to key establishments like the **Southern Command**, **National Defence Academy (NDA)**, and **DRDO** facilities.
- **Year of Defence Reforms:** The Indian government has declared **2025** as the **"Year of Defence Reforms,"** aiming to **integrate theatre commands**, enhance **tri-services synergy**, streamline military procurement, and promote indigenous capabilities.
- **Armed Forces Veterans' Day:** Celebrated annually on **14th January** to honor the service and sacrifices of Indian armed forces veterans.
 - It marks the **retirement of KM Cariappa in 1953**.
- **Indian Navy Day:** 4th December.
- **Indian Air Force Day:** 8th October.

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