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General NS Raja Subramani Assumes Charge as CDS

- General NS Raja Subramani, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, assumed charge as the third Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) and Secretary, Department of Military Affairs on May 31, 2026.
- He acknowledged the exemplary leadership and contribution of his predecessors and pledged to build upon their achievements. Expressing gratitude to the country for the trust reposed in the Defence Forces, General NS Raja Subramani asserted that they would work in unison with all stakeholders as part of the Whole-of-Nation approach to further strengthen national security.
- A highly decorated officer with over four decades of service, General Subramani was commissioned into the Garhwal Rifles in December 1985.
- His distinguished career includes a number of key Command and Staff appointments, including General Officer Commanding, 2 Corps, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Central Command; and the Vice Chief of the Army Staff. Prior to assuming the appointment of CDS, he served as Military Adviser at the National Security Council Secretariat.



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Admiral Krishna Swaminathan Assumes Charge As CONS

- Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, PVSM, AVSM, VSM assumed charge as the 27th Chief of the Naval Staff of the Indian Navy on 31 May 2026. He succeeds Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi, PVSM, AVSM, NM who superannuated after 41 years of distinguished service.
- Admiral Krishna Swaminathan was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 01 July 1987. A Communication and Electronic Warfare specialist, he has held a wide range of operational, staff and training appointments during a distinguished career spanning nearly four decades.
- Admiral Swaminathan's sea commands include the guided missile vessels INS Vidyut and INS Vinash, guided missile corvette INS Kulish, guided missile destroyer INS Mysore and aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya.



Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan Assumes Charge As Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief

- Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, PVSM, AVSM, NM, assumed charge as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command, at a ceremonial parade held in Mumbai on 30 May 2026.
- Prior to this appointment, he served as Vice Chief of the Naval Staff at Naval Headquarters, New Delhi. On assuming charge, he paid homage to the bravehearts who have made the supreme sacrifice in service to the Nation, at Gaurav Stambh, Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.
- An alumnus of NDA, Khadakwasla Pune, the Flag Officer was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 01 Jan 1988. A specialist in Gunnery and Missile Systems, he has held a wide range of command, operational, staff and training assignments, both afloat and ashore, during his distinguished naval career spanning more than three decades.
- The Flag Officer has served onboard various frontline warships, including command of Coast Guard Ship C-05, Missile Vessels INS Vibhuti and Nashak, Missile Corvette INS Kuthar and Guided Missile Frigate INS Sahyadri.



Inauguration of 'Nausena Shaurya Vatika'

- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh and UP CM Yogi Adityanath jointly inaugurated 'Nausena Shaurya Vatika' in Lucknow on May 30, 2026. Built at a cost of Rs 19 crore over an area spanning over two acres, this Open-Air Display Museum honours the spirit, valour & prowess of the Indian Navy.
- It showcases the artefacts and weapon systems of INS Gomati, which was decommissioned on May 29, 2022 after 34 years of service.
- Speaking on the occasion, Raksha Mantri described the Nausena Shaurya Vatika as not only a tourist attraction, but also a symbol of inspiration that would remind future generations of the true cost of freedom and security.
- AK 726 (Naval Gun Installed onboard Naval Warship), ZIF 101 launcher for Surface-to-Air Missiles, Surface-to-Surface Anti-Ship and Surface-to-Air Missiles

and Ship's radar, torpedo launcher, anchors, ship's masts and other artefacts of INS Gomati are on display at the park.

- It also features a Walkthrough Museum of TU 142M, a long range maritime patrol aircraft which is no longer in service.
- INS Gomati derives her name from the vibrant river Gomti and was commissioned on April 16, 1988 by the then Raksha Mantri at Mazagon Dock Limited. The third ship of the Godavari class guided-missile frigates, INS Gomati was also the oldest warrior of the Western Fleet when decommissioned.
- During her service, she participated in Operations Cactus, Parakram and Rainbow, and several bilateral & multinational naval exercises. For her remarkable spirit and stellar contribution to national maritime security, she was twice awarded the coveted Unit Citation, once in 2007-08 and again in 2019-20.



Multilateral Exercise Pragati 2026 Concludes

- The maiden edition of Multilateral Exercise PRAGATI 2026, conducted at Umroi Military Station, Meghalaya, concluded with a 72-hour validation exercise, showcasing the interoperability, mutual trust, and collective resolve of the participating armed forces to address common security challenges.
- The event was attended by six Vice Chiefs and over 40 senior military officials from the 13 participating friendly foreign countries. Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth, Vice Chief of the Army Staff, hosted the dignitaries from all participating countries.
- PRAGATI, which stands for Partnership of Regional Armies for Growth and Transformation in the Indian Ocean Region, brought together more than 400 troops from India, Bhutan, Cambodia, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Indonesia and Laos

- This maiden edition of Exercise PRAGATI has laid a strong foundation for like-minded nations striving for a peaceful, prosperous and secure region; and serves as a precursor to future editions of the exercise.



IAF Operations In Kasauli

- The Indian Air Force received information about Forest fire near Kasauli on 26 May and a Cheetah helicopter was immediately launched to assess the situation.
- Thereafter, Mi-17 V5 Medium Lift Helicopters were successfully deployed to combat the massive forest fire in the Kasauli region of Himachal Pradesh under the aid to civil authorities framework.
- The intense blaze, which spread across nearly 10 hectares in the Kasauli Beat area of Solan district, posed a serious threat to residential areas, critical civil infrastructure and military establishments.
- Operating in close coordination with the State Administration, State Forest Department, Indian Army and local authorities, IAF helicopters undertook sustained Bambi Bucket operations to contain and extinguish the fire.
- Water was sourced from Sukhna Lake in Chandigarh with each sortie carrying approximately 2,000 to 2,500 litres of water.
- The operation witnessed relentless aerial firefighting efforts through day and night, discharging more than 93,000 litres of water over the affected area. The swift and coordinated response played a crucial role in preventing the fire from escalating into a major disaster.



India-Australia Defence Ministers' Dialogue

- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh and Australian Deputy PM & Minister for Defence Mr Richard Marles will co-chair the second India-Australia Defence Ministers' Dialogue in New Delhi on June 01, 2026. The dialogue will review the progress in bilateral defence cooperation and identify new avenues for collaboration.
- The discussions will focus on strengthening defence & security cooperation, enhancing military interoperability, industry collaboration, including co-development and co-production opportunities, and regional & global security developments of mutual interest.
- The meeting is expected to further strengthen bilateral defence relations, enhance strategic trust and cooperation, promote stability and security in the Indo-Pacific region and identify new areas of collaborations in defence & security.
- The visit of Mr Richard Marles follows the inaugural Dialogue held in Australia in October 2025 and reflects the growing momentum in the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. Australia is a key partner in India's vision of a free, open, inclusive and prosperous Indo-Pacific.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Who assumed charge as India's third Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) on 31 May 2026?

- A) General Manoj Pande
- B) General NS Raja Subramani
- C) General Upendra Dwivedi
- D) General Anil Chauhan

Answer: B) General NS Raja Subramani

2. Admiral Krishna Swaminathan became the _____ Chief of the Naval Staff of the Indian Navy.

- A) 25th
- B) 26th
- C) 27th
- D) 28th

Answer: C) 27th

3. The inaugural edition of Exercise PRAGATI 2026 was conducted at which location?

- A) Pune, Maharashtra
- B) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- C) Umroi Military Station, Meghalaya
- D) Jodhpur, Rajasthan

Answer: C) Umroi Military Station, Meghalaya

4. 'Nausena Shaurya Vatika', inaugurated in May 2026, is located in which city?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Mumbai
- C) Visakhapatnam
- D) Lucknow

Answer: D) Lucknow

5. During the Kasauli forest fire operation, the Indian Air Force sourced water for Bambi Bucket operations from which lake?

- A) Dal Lake
- B) Sukhna Lake
- C) Loktak Lake
- D) Chilika Lake

Answer: B) Sukhna Lake

6. Field Marshal Of Indian Army Is A

- A. 2 Star General
- B. 3 Star General
- C. 4 Star General
- D. 5 Star General

ANSWER: D

7. Defence Space Agency Hq Is Located At

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Chennai
- D. Noida

ANSWER: B

8. INS Kochi Is A

- A. Guided-missile destroyers
- B. Landing ship tank
- C. Submarine

D. Frigates

ANSWER: A

9. _ Is Not A G7 member.

A. China

B. USA

C. UK

D. France

ANSWER: A

10. The Standard Meridian Of India Is

A. 82 degrees 30' E

B. 84 degrees 30' E

C. 72 degrees 30' E

D. 92 degrees 30' E

ANSWER: A

11. Army Medical Corps Motto Is

A. Courage and Valor

B. Sarve santu niramaya

C. Service Before Self

D. Lethal

ANSWER: B

12. Glock 18 Is A

A. Destroyer

B. Machine Pistol

C. Assault rifle

D. Submachine gun

ANSWER: B

13. Which Is the Largest Uranium-producing Country In The World?

- A. USA
- B. India
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Uzbekistan

ANSWER: C

14. Kaiga Atomic Power Plant Is In

- A. Karnataka
- B. Gujarat
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Uttarakhand

ANSWER: A

15. Who established the Atomic Energy Commission of India in 1948?

- A. P.K. Iyengar
- B. M.R. Srinivasan
- C. Vikram Sarabhai
- D. Homi Bhabha

ANSWER: D

16. Nay Pyi Taw Is The Capital Of

- A. Bhutan
- B. Nepal
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Myanmar

ANSWER: D

17. "India's Women Unsung Heroes" Book Is Written By

- A. Chandrachur Ghose
- B. Ruskin Bond
- C. Dr. Thomas Matthew

D. Meenakshi Lekhi

ANSWER: D

18. Ex 'Konkan Shakti' conducted b/w India &

A. Qatar

B. UK

C. UAE

D. Japan

ANSWER: B

19. "Kartavyam Anvatma" (Duty before death) Is The Motto Of

A. RAJPUT REGIMENT

B. DOGRA REGIMENT

C. SIKH REGIMENT

D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

20. Which Country Isn't the member of NSG?

A. USA

B. China

C. Pakistan

D. France

ANSWER: C

