

CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF



CONTEXT

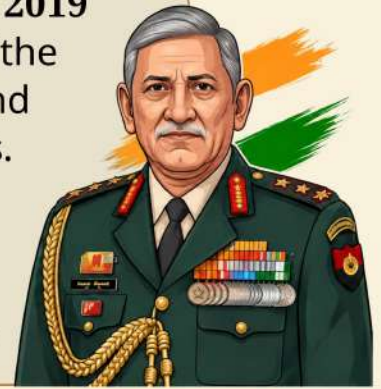
- The Government of India has appointed Lieutenant General NS Raja Subramani as the new Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).
- He will also function as the Secretary, Department of Military Affairs (DMA).



CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF (CDS)



- The post of CDS was created in 2019 following recommendations of the **Kargil Review Committee** and subsequent defence reforms.
- The first CDS of India was **General Bipin Rawat**.



ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CDS:



Principal Adviser:

Acts as the primary military adviser to the Defence Minister on all tri-services matters.



Department of Military Affairs: Functions as the Secretary to the Government of India for the Department of Military Affairs.



Military Reform: Focuses on enhancing synergy, jointness in operations, and modernization of the armed forces.



- **Theater Commands:** Drives the restructuring of military commands into integrated theater commands.



- **Strategic and Nuclear Role:** Serves as an important **military adviser to the Nuclear Command Authority**.