

31st Chief of the Army Staff



Context

General Dhiraj Seth took charge as the 31st Chief of the Army Staff from General Upendra Dwivedi, who superannuated after more than four decades of distinguished service to the nation.

Chief of the Army Staff (COAS)



- COAS is the professional head and **highest ranking serving officer of the Indian Army.**



- COAS is responsible for the command, training, administration, discipline and operational readiness of the Indian Army.



- But under Article 53(2) of the Constitution, the President of India is the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.



- The COAS is appointed by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) for a tenure of three years or up to the age of 62 .



- The COAS works within the civilian-led defence structure headed by the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) and the Ministry of Defence.

