

Indian Armed Forces (Military)

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The Indian Armed Forces are the military forces of the Republic of India. The **President of India** is the **Supreme Commander** of the Indian Armed Forces. The Indian Armed Forces are under the management of the Ministry of Defence (MoD) of the Government of India. With strength of over **1.4 million** active personnel, it is the **world's second-largest military force** and has the world's largest volunteer army. It also has the third-largest defence budget in the world. In 2020, 2021 and 2022 Global Firepower report lists it as the **fourth most-powerful military**.



It consists of three professional uniformed services: the **Indian Army, Indian Navy, and Indian Air Force**. Additionally, the Indian Armed Forces are supported by the Central Armed Police Forces, Assam Rifles, Indian Coast Guard and Special Frontier Force and various inter-service commands and institutions such as the Strategic Forces Command, the Andaman and Nicobar Command and the Integrated Defence Staff.

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The **Param Vir Chakra** (PVC) is India's highest gallantry military decoration, awarded for displaying distinguished acts of valour during wartime. Param Vir Chakra translates as the "**Wheel of the Ultimate Brave**", and the award is granted for "most conspicuous bravery in the presence of the enemy". As of January 2018, the medal has been **awarded 21 times**, of which 14 were posthumous and 16 arose from actions in Indo-Pakistani conflicts. Of the 21 awardees, 20 have been from the Indian Army, and one has been from the Indian Air Force.

Major Somnath Sharma, was the first recipient. A number of state governments of India as well as ministries of the central government provide allowances and rewards to recipients of the PVC (or their family members in case of the recipient's death).

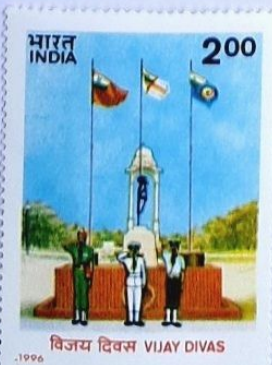


First Indian commander in Chief
General K.M.Cariappa
joined on Jan 1949

Indian Tank, Indian parachute trooper's Indian army Working in Equipment



India's First Field Marshal was **SHJF Manekshaw** (26 Jan 1950)



Kargil Vijay diwas day, we celebrating every year 26 July in India to observe Indian victory over Pakistan in Kargil war in Kargil district in ladakh.

Indian military college, Dehra Dun

