

# Indian Army day, 2022

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**In news**– 74th Indian Army Day was celebrated on January 15, 2022.

## **About Indian Army Day-**

- The Army Day is **celebrated every year in recognition of Field Marshal K.M Cariappa as the first commander-in-chief of the Indian army.**
- The **British Indian Army was founded on April 1, 1895,** within the British administration.
- After India became independent in 1947, it was not until January 15, 1949, that the nation received its first-ever Indian chief.
- **Lt Gen KM Cariappa succeeded General Francis Butcher, the final British commander-in-chief of the Indian Army, as commander-in-chief of the Indian Armed forces in 1949.**
- This day was recognised as Indian Army Day to start paying respect to the martyred Indian army personnel at the “Amar Jawan Jyoti” at New Delhi’s India Gate.
- Bravery awards including unit credentials and Sena medals will also be awarded in 2022, to mark the day.
- **During the celebration, the new uniform of the Indian Army designed in collaboration with the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) was showcased at the parade ground.**

## **About Field Marshal Kodandera Madappa Cariappa-**

- He was the first Indian Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) of the Indian Army.
- He was born on 28 January 1899 in Madikeri, Karnataka.
- He led Indian forces on the Western Front during the Indo-Pakistani War of 1947.
- He is one of only two Indian Army officers to hold the

Five-star rank of Field Marshal; the other being Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw.

- He had joined the British Indian Army shortly after the end of World War I, and was commissioned as a temporary first lieutenant into the 2/88 Carnatic Infantry.
- He was transferred between multiple regiments early in his career before settling on 1/7 Rajputs, which became his permanent regiment.
- He was the **first Indian military officer to attend the Staff College, Quetta, the first Indian to command a battalion, and was also one of the first two Indians selected to undergo training at the Imperial Defence College in Camberley.**
- After four years of service as the C-in-C, Cariappa retired on 14 January 1953.
- He died in 1993, at the Bangalore Command Hospital.