

GS-III- Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate.

1. The appointment of a chief of defence staff (CDS), would be the most significant reform in the Indian defence sector in the last few decades.

Comment.

Why this Question:

- In the recent Independence Day address, our honourable Prime Minister announced the creation of the post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).

Key demand of the Question:

- Answer must evaluate the significance of such an appointment and in what way it can bring significant change in the Defence wings of the country.

Key Directive:

Comment:

- Whenever it is asking your opinion it should be full of optimism and your answer should make you look like full of zeal and enthusiasm. You must give constructive opinion with optimistic, future oriented and progressive approach. But remember that your opinion should not be your own personal opinion, you need to write largely acceptable.

Structure of the Answer:

Introduction:

- Define who is a CDS and what position he holds regarding the military hierarchy.

Body:

- Discuss about the CDS, roles and functions of such an office.
- Discuss about the current practice which was being followed.
- Discuss the various issues faced by the government due to the absence of such a position.
- Discuss the need of such a new position and the causes behind the proposal.
- Discuss what are the benefits that arise due to the arisal of such a new position.
- Also quote the resistance that has been displayed by the in-service rank holders.

Conclusion:

- Conclude that the government should continue with its stance and try to overcome the resistance faced Judiciously.