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New CDS and Navy chief take charge

Third CDS, 27th Navy chief.
SIR enumeration begins.

3rd

CDS

27th

NAVY CHIEF

28 June

SIR FORMS DUE

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Defence

Leadership change.

ECI

SIR enumeration.

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Editor's briefing and contents

Two new defence chiefs took charge on 31 May and the Election Commission's SIR enumeration began in four States.

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Reading guide

3 verified stories, each linked to its source. Earlier developments are explicitly carried forward. Not every possible update is covered. The separate 8-question test uses this same dataset. Original practice, not an actual previous-year paper.



National and International Affairs

Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision: enumeration phase begins in Odisha, Mizoram, Sikkim and Manipur

31 May 2026 | Press Information Bureau

PIB said the Election Commission of India ordered a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in 16 States and 3 UTs on 14 May 2026, under Article 324 and Section 21 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950. The objective is that no eligible citizen is left out and no ineligible person is included.

The enumeration phase started on 30 May 2026 for Odisha, Mizoram, Sikkim and Manipur. Electors whose forms reach the ERO on or before 28 June 2026 will be included in the draft rolls; others may apply through Form 6 with a declaration during the claims and objections period.

Key facts

SIR ordered: 14 May 2026; 16 States and 3 UTs

Enumeration began: 30 May 2026 in Odisha, Mizoram, Sikkim, Manipur

Forms due for draft rolls: 28 June 2026

Late applicants: Form 6 with declaration during claims and objections

Exam takeaway: Booth Level Officers conduct house-to-house enumeration during an SIR.

One-minute recall: ECI SIR: 16 States and 3 UTs ordered 14 May; enumeration in four States from 30 May; forms by 28 June (PIB).

Press Information Bureau

Appointments, Awards and Important Days

General N. S. Raja Subramani assumes charge as the third Chief of Defence Staff

31 May 2026 | Press Information Bureau

PIB said General N. S. Raja Subramani assumed charge on 31 May 2026 as the third Chief of Defence Staff and Secretary, Department of Military Affairs. He said he would work towards jointness, integration and synergy in the Defence Forces and accelerate the development and induction of indigenous weapons for Aatmanirbharta.

He laid a wreath at the National War Memorial and received a Tri-Service Guard of Honour at the South Block lawns. The Economic Times reported that he succeeds General Anil Chauhan.

Key facts

Post: third Chief of Defence Staff and Secretary, Department of Military Affairs

Officer: General N. S. Raja Subramani

Assumed charge: 31 May 2026

Predecessor: General Anil Chauhan (per Economic Times)

Exam takeaway: The CDS heads the Department of Military Affairs and is the principal military adviser to the Defence Minister.

One-minute recall: General N S Raja Subramani assumes charge as third CDS, 31 May 2026 (PIB).

Press Information Bureau

Admiral Krishna Swaminathan assumes charge as the 27th Chief of the Naval Staff

31 May 2026 | Press Information Bureau

PIB said Admiral Krishna Swaminathan assumed charge as the 27th Chief of the Naval Staff on 31 May 2026, succeeding Admiral Dinesh Kumar

Tripathi, who superannuated after 41 years of service.

He was commissioned on 1 July 1987 and is a Communication and Electronic Warfare specialist. His sea commands include INS Vidyut, INS Vinash, INS Kulish, INS Mysore and the aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya, and he commanded the Western Fleet.

Key facts

Post: 27th Chief of the Naval Staff

Officer: Admiral Krishna Swaminathan; commissioned 1 July 1987

Predecessor: Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi

Specialisation: Communication and Electronic Warfare

Exam takeaway: The Chief of the Naval Staff heads the Indian Navy.

One-minute recall: Adm Krishna Swaminathan assumes charge as 27th Navy chief, 31 May 2026 (PIB).

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Rapid revision and vocabulary

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Adm Krishna Swaminathan assumes charge as 27th Navy chief, 31 May 2026 (PIB).

CDS: Chief of Defence Staff.

DMA: Department of Military Affairs.

SIR: Special Intensive Revision.

ERO: Electoral Registration Officer.

BLO: Booth Level Officer.

Rapid-revision prompts

Who is the new CDS?

Who is the new Navy chief?

What is the SIR deadline?

Sources and publication information

Every figure comes from the linked source page for that story. Where an official page was not read, the story names the publication that reported it. Items we could not verify, or whose outcome was not settled, were left out. This edition has 3 stories because that is what we could verify for the day.

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