



# Joint Doctrine of Amphibious Operations

## Why in News?

Recently, [Chief of Defence Staff](#) released the **Joint Doctrine for Amphibious Operations** during the [Chiefs of Staff Committee \(COSC\)](#) meeting.

## Key Points

- The Doctrine serves as a **key guide for Commanders** in conducting **Amphibious Operations** in today's complex military landscape.
  - Amphibious operations are **military operations** that involve a **landing on a hostile shore** by naval and landing forces.
- The amphibious capability enables the Armed Forces to conduct a wide range of operations in the [Indian Ocean Region](#), both in times of war and peace.
  - These operations are a vital element of **multi-domain warfare**, exemplifying the cohesion and integration among the [Armed Forces](#).
- The Joint Doctrine for Amphibious Operations is the **second Joint Doctrine** released this year after the [Joint Doctrine for Cyberspace operations](#).
  - **Cyberspace** encompasses the global network of entities, including [Information and Communication Technology \(ICT\) systems](#), that process, store, and transmit digital information and code, whether connected or independent.

## What is Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)

- **Background:** Its creation was recommended in **2001** by a [Group of Ministers \(GoM\)](#) that was tasked with studying the [Kargil Review Committee \(1999\) report](#).
  - After the GoM recommendations, in preparation for the post of CDS, the government created the [Integrated Defence Staff in 2002](#), which was to eventually serve as the CDS's Secretariat.
  - In 2012, the [Naresh Chandra Committee](#) recommended the appointment of a Permanent Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee as a midway to eliminate apprehensions over the CDS.
  - Finally, the post of **CDS was created in 2019** on the recommendations of a committee of defence experts headed by **Lt General DB Shekatkar**.
    - General Bipin Rawat was the first CDS in the country and was **appointed on December 31, 2019**.