



## Reforms in Army

Government has approved major reforms in the Indian Army which will begin with the restructuring of Army Headquarters.

- The Army headquarters had instituted 4 studies with an overall aim to enhance the operational and functional efficiency of the force, optimize budget expenditure, facilitate modernization and address aspirations.
  - **'Re-organisation and right-sizing of the Indian Army'** which focuses on operational structures to make the force efficient and future-ready by taking into account the operational situation on western and northern borders.
  - **'Re-organisation of the Army Headquarters'** with an aim to bring in "integration and preclude the redundancies.
  - **'Cadre review of officers'** whose focus was to recommend how to carry out reorganization and restructuring to meet the aspirations of the officers' cadre.
  - **'Review of terms of engagement of rank and file'** which was aimed at harnessing the higher life expectancy and ensuring the younger profile of key commands and motivation of the personnel.



## Change of guard

The Army Headquarters (AHQ) will be reorganised as part of a bigger transformation of the force

### How the AHQ is restructured:

**At present:** Two Deputy Chiefs for:

1. Information systems & training
2. Planning and systems

**After change:** Three Deputy Chiefs for: 1. Sustenance 2. Strategy 3. Information systems

- Director General (DG), Rashtriya Rifles, to move to Udhampur under an Additional Director General (ADG)
- New post of 'ADG Vigilance' to be created. Will report to Army Chief

- Army Training Command based in Shimla to be moved to Meerut

- New 'ADG Human Resources' will track investigations and action on HR violations

- Number of officers in AHQ to come down by over 200. Young officers to be posted out to field areas



### Shekatkar Committee

- Ministry of Defence under the chairmanship of Lt. Gen (Retd) DB Shekatkar had constituted a committee to recommend measures to enhance combat capability and rebalance defence expenditure of the armed forces in 2015.
- **Recommendations:**
  - Closure of Military Farms and Army Postal Establishments in peace locations.
  - Enhancement in standards for recruitment of clerical staff and drivers in the Army.
  - Improving the efficiency of the National Cadet Corps.
  - Recommended a roll-on defence budget to have enough capital expenditure available for modernisation as against the present practice of surrendering unspent capital budget at the end of each financial year.

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