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Q) The Government is set to announce the appointment of Chief of Defence Staff, which would play a far more critical role in the national security apparatus, than the three service chiefs. Comment.

→ Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) is the single-point advisor to the Government of India, integrating on all the three ^{armed} forces - Army, Navy, Airforce.

→ As ~~to~~ the Indian Sub-Continent is known for its geographical diversities surrounded by both land and water bodies. needs ^{to} maintain all the three armed forces for efficient protection from neighbouring attacks.

→ In this regard, if a Common Head for all the three forces are appointed will play a greater role in the defence of India.

-Considering if there are situations where the armed forces need mutual helps then the individual heads of armed forces have to communicate and get approval from the Ministry. But a CDS can act as the only commander for them to take actions.

also a CDF can contribute in

- development of technologies to face cyber crimes
- development of space missiles
- nurture the Artificial intelligence.
- Drone usage

All these advancements are quite expensive and an single CDS can ~~of~~ optimise the cost as ~~there~~ won't be any negotiations.

- Also can play an efficient role in planning defence budget and development of arms by optimising existing structures.
- He stands out to be the primary military advisor along with the other service chiefs of respective armed forces.
- However, the role of CDS should not become a bridge between the chiefs of service forces and the ministry but a critical role in framing negotiations and actions which benefit the nation in a positive direction.