

Excellent, Ankit 🤝 — this will be your **2-page Indian Army Master Sheet** for SSB interview & lecturette prep — complete, factual, and officer-level concise.  
I'll cover everything from **commands, wars, tanks, weapons, and gallantry to organization, ranks, and motto.**

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## IN INDIAN ARMY MASTER NOTES (FOR SSB & GENERAL KNOWLEDGE)

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### 1. Basic Facts

- **Founded:** 1 April 1895 (as British Indian Army)
  - **Chief of Army Staff (COAS):** *General Upendra Dwivedi* (as of 2025)
  - **Supreme Commander:** *President of India*
  - **Headquarters:** *Integrated HQ, Ministry of Defence (Army), New Delhi*
  - **Motto:** “*Service Before Self*”
  - **Army Day:** *15 January* (in honor of Field Marshal K. M. Cariappa)
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### 2. Commands of the Indian Army

| Command                               | HQ                     | Area                                  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Northern Command</b>               | Udhampur (J&K)         | J&K, Ladakh (Pakistan & China border) |
| <b>Western Command</b>                | Chandimandir (Haryana) | Punjab, Rajasthan (Pakistan front)    |
| <b>Eastern Command</b>                | Kolkata (W.B.)         | China, Myanmar, Bangladesh border     |
| <b>Southern Command</b>               | Pune (Maharashtra)     | Coastal and southern peninsular India |
| <b>Central Command</b>                | Lucknow (U.P.)         | Reserves and logistics                |
| <b>South Western Command</b>          | Jaipur (Rajasthan)     | Desert warfare                        |
| <b>Army Training Command (ARTRAC)</b> | Shimla (H.P.)          | Training and doctrine                 |

**Total:** 6 operational + 1 training = **7 Commands**

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### 3. Indian Wars & Conflicts

| War                       | Year    | Opponent        | Area                           | Outcome / Key Notes                              |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--|
| First Kashmir War         | 1947–48 | Pakistan        | J&K                            | Ceasefire; PoK occupied by Pakistan              |
| Sino-Indian War           | 1962    | China           | NEFA (Arunachal), Ladakh       | India lost territory in Aksai Chin               |
| Indo-Pak War              | 1965    | Pakistan        | Punjab, Rajasthan, J&K         | India captured Haji Pir, heavy Pakistani losses  |
| Bangladesh Liberation War | 1971    | Pakistan (East) | East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) | India's decisive victory; creation of Bangladesh |
| Kargil War (Op Vijay)     | 1999    | Pakistan        | Kargil, Drass (J&K)            | Indian victory, captured all positions back      |

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### 4. Major Operations

| Operation                  | Year    | Objective                                 |
|----------------------------|---------|---|
| Operation Vijay            | 1999    | Recapture Kargil heights                  |
| Operation Meghdoot         | 1984    | Capture of Siachen Glacier                |
| Operation Cactus           | 1988    | Thwart coup in Maldives                   |
| Operation Parakram         | 2001    | Mobilization post Parliament attack       |
| Operation Brasstacks       | 1986–87 | Large-scale army exercise                 |
| Operation Trident & Python | 1971    | Naval ops vs Pakistan (Karachi)           |
| Operation Rahat            | 2013    | Uttarakhand flood rescue (Army-Air Force) |

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### 5. Major Regiments & Mottos

| Regiment               | Motto                                | Famous Battle / Award             |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Rajput Regiment        | <i>Veer Bhogya Vasundhara</i>        | Rezang La, Kargil; 1 PVC, 20+ MVC |
| Rajputana Rifles       | <i>Veer Bhogya Vasundhara</i>        | Indo-Pak wars; 112 Sena Medals    |
| Sikh Regiment          | <i>Nischay Kar Apni Jeet Karon</i>   | Saragarhi, 1971 War               |
| Gorkha Rifles          | <i>Kayar Hunu Bhanda Marnu Ramro</i> | Kargil, 1965 War                  |
| Maratha Light Infantry | <i>Duty, Honour, Courage</i>         | Burma Campaign, 1971 War          |
| Dogra Regiment         | <i>Kartavyam Anvatma</i>             | 1965, 1971 War                    |
| Grenadiers             | <i>Sarvada Shaktishali</i>           | Battle of Tololing, Kargil War    |

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## 6. Combat Arms, Support Arms & Services

| Type                | Corps / Role  |
|---------------------|---|
| Combat Arms         | Infantry, Armoured Corps, Mechanised Infantry   |
| Combat Support Arms | Artillery, Engineers, Signals, Army Air Defence, Aviation   |
| Services            | ASC (Supply), AOC (Ordnance), EME (Repair/Maintenance), AMC (Medical), CMP (Military Police), Intelligence, Education Corps |

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## 7. Main Battle Tanks & Armoured Vehicles

| Tank / Vehicle | Origin                     | Role   |
|----------------|----------------------------|--|
| Arjun MBT      | Indigenous                 | Main Battle Tank, advanced armour & fire control |
| T-90 Bhishma   | Russia                     | Primary MBT in service                           |
| T-72 Ajeya     | Russia (upgraded in India) | Secondary MBT                                    |

| Tank / Vehicle                      | Origin           | Role                    |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>BMP-2 Sarath</b>                 | India (licensed) | Infantry Combat Vehicle |
| <b>DRDO Light Tank (under dev.)</b> | India            | Mountain warfare        |

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## 👉 8. Artillery & Guns

| Weapon                           | Type                        | Range    | Notes                                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>K9 Vajra-T</b>                | Self-propelled Howitzer     | 40+ km   | Used in Ladakh, Make-in-India project |
| <b>M777 Ultra-Light Howitzer</b> | Towed gun                   | 30+ km   | Lightweight for mountain warfare      |
| <b>Dhanush Gun</b>               | Towed Howitzer (Indigenous) | 38–42 km | Based on Bofors tech                  |
| <b>Pinaka MBRL</b>               | Rocket Launcher             | 40–75 km | Multi-barrel area bombardment         |
| <b>Bofors FH-77B</b>             | Howitzer                    | 30 km    | Used effectively in Kargil War        |

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## 🚁 9. Army Aviation & Modern Systems

| Equipment                    | Role                               |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>HAL Rudra / Dhruv ALH</b> | Armed/utility helicopters          |
| <b>LCH Prachand</b>          | Indigenous light attack helicopter |
| <b>Heron / SWITCH UAVs</b>   | Reconnaissance drones              |
| <b>Akash Missile System</b>  | Air Defence                        |
| <b>Nag ATGM</b>              | Anti-Tank Guided Missile           |
| <b>SAMHO Missile</b>         | Tank-launched ATGM for Arjun       |

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## 🌟 10. Modernization & Future Projects

- **Integrated Battle Groups (IBGs):** Faster-deploying combat units for modern warfare.
  - **Theatre Command Implementation:** Integration of all forces.
  - **Make-in-India projects:** AK-203 rifles, ATAGS howitzers, Future Infantry Combat Vehicle (FICV).
  - **Digital Army vision:** AI, drone surveillance, cyber protection.
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## 11. Ranks in Commissioned Officers

| Rank           | Symbol                                  | Years of Service |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| Lieutenant     | One star                                | 0–2 yrs          |
| Captain        | Two stars                               | 2–6 yrs          |
| Major          | National Emblem                         | 6–13 yrs         |
| Lt. Colonel    | Emblem + Star                           | 13–16 yrs        |
| Colonel        | Emblem + 2 Stars                        | 16–20 yrs        |
| Brigadier      | Emblem + 3 Stars                        | 20–25 yrs        |
| Major General  | Crossed baton & sword + star            | 25–30 yrs        |
| Lt. General    | Crossed baton & sword + emblem          | 30–35 yrs        |
| General (COAS) | Crossed baton & sword + national emblem | 35+ yrs          |

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## 12. Gallantry Awards

| Award                         | Peace/War | Highest To Lowest |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| <b>Param Vir Chakra (PVC)</b> | Wartime   | <b>1</b>          |
| <b>Maha Vir Chakra (MVC)</b>  | Wartime   | <b>2</b>          |
| <b>Vir Chakra</b>             | Wartime   | <b>3</b>          |
| <b>Ashoka Chakra</b>          | Peacetime | <b>1</b>          |
| <b>Kirti Chakra</b>           | Peacetime | <b>2</b>          |

| Award                 | Peace/War                           | Highest To Lowest |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Shaurya Chakra</b> | Peacetime                           | <b>3</b>          |
| <b>Sena Medal</b>     | Distinguished Service / Gallantry – |                   |

#### **Most Decorated Units:**

- *Grenadiers Regiment, Rajputana Rifles, Sikh Regiment, Gorkha Rifles.*
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### **13. Indian Army Motto**

#### **“Service Before Self”**

– Represents sacrifice, discipline, and the spirit to place the nation before personal comfort.