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The Idea of forming Integrated military Theatre Commands gains momentum in recent times. What is an Integrated theatre command? Does India really need such type of commands? Analyse.

INTEGRATED THEATRE COMMAND:

Integrated theatre Command envisages a unified command of the three Services under a single Commander for geographical area of serious concerns. The Commander will have the control over the resources of Indian Airforce, Army and the Navy.

Need for Integrated Theatre Command:

1) Major Military powers like us and china operates via theatre commands. china restructured its military in 2015 to come up with six theatre commands.

2) India has 19 commands (14 geographic, 3 functional and 2 Joint commands). Indian armed forces will face in fighting jointly can be gauged from the astonishing fact that of 17 single service commands, no two are headquartered in the same location.

3) Theatre Command are seen as better for pooling resources and improving efficiency.

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4) In the heat of the battle, differences between the two Services will inevitably crop up and that can very seriously affect our effectiveness.

Hence the need for a theatre command with one commander arises.

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