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### **1. Army's Kibithu base in Arunachal Pradesh renamed after first CDS, late General Bipin Rawat ( Sept. 10, 2022 )**

**To honour the country's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) late General Bipin Rawat, the Kibithu military garrison in Arunachal was named as General Bipin Rawat garrison on 10 September 2022.**

#### **IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- Kibithu is a small hamlet near Walong on the banks of the Lohit Valley in Arunachal Pradesh close to the India-China border.
- Gen Rawat commanded his Battalion 5/11 Gorkha Rifles as a Colonel at Kibithu from 1999-2000.
- The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh (Retd), Brigadier BD Mishra, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister **Pema Khandu** and other senior military and civilian dignitaries were present on the occasion along with daughters of the late CDS.
- General Bipin Rawat and his wife along with senior Army and Air Force officers died in a Helicopter crash in Coonoor, Tamil Nadu 8 December 2021. He was going to the **Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, Tamil Nadu** to address the faculty and student officers of the 'Staff Course'.
- He was the **27th Army chief** and was the first Chief of Defence Staff. He was appointed to the Chief of Defence Staff post on December 31, 2019.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -**

##### ***Arunachal Pradesh :***

- It is the easternmost region of India. It is also called '**Land of the Dawn-lit-Mountains' or land of rising sun.**
- It shares its International border with China, Bhutan and Myanmar.
- Arunachal Pradesh finds its mention in the literature of Kalika Purana and the great Hindu Epic Mahabharata. It is believed to be the Prabhu Mountains of the Puranas.
- It was earlier called as North East Frontier Agency (NEFA) and it was renamed as **Arunachal Pradesh in 1972**. It was a Union Territory.
- It became a state on **20 February 1987**.
- Governor of the State: **(Retd), Brigadier BD Mishra**
- Chief Minister: **Pema Khandu**
- **Capital: Itanagar**