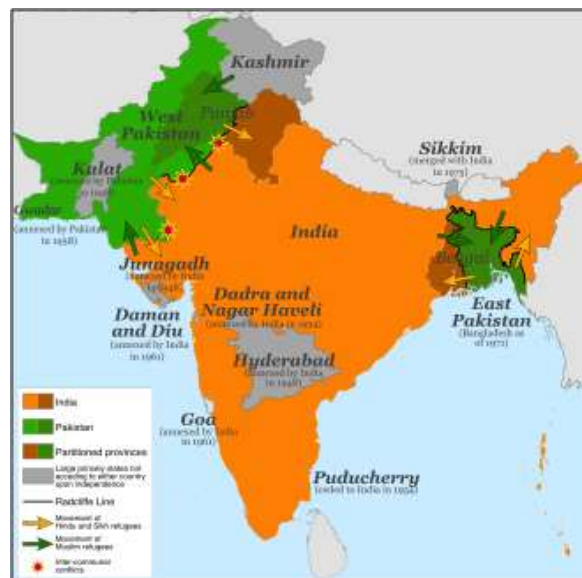


## India's Wars since Independence: A Concise History

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### Preamble

The armed forces of India have a long, chequered and honourable history of hundreds of years. Following India's independence in 1947, the colonial military of British India became the armed forces of independent India. After World War II, in a major demobilisation exercise, most wartime troops, numbering 1.25 million, were discharged and units disbanded. On account of the partition of India, the Indian Military was also divided between India and Pakistan in the ratio of 2/3rd to 1/3rd.



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