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NAVY'S NEW CHIEF

ADMIRAL SOMAN'S FLAG HOISTED AT INS INDIA

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The flag of the new Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice-Admiral B.S. Soman, was hoisted with due naval ceremony at INS INDIA, the Navy's shore establishment in the capital, here this morning. With the band playing the general salute and the guard of honour presenting arms the new Admiral's flag was broken at the masthead.

On arrival at INS INDIA, Admiral Soman was received by Rear-Admiral S.M. Nanda, Officiating Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff, and Lt-Cdr. R.S. Mehta, Commanding Officer of the establishment. Admiral Soman then inspected the guard of honour and the parade which was commanded by Lt-Cdr. R.L. Englefield. The other Principal Staff Officers of Naval Headquarters - Commodore K.R. Nair, Chief of Personnel, Commodore G. Douglas, DFC, Chief of Naval Aviation, and Commodore C.L. Bhandari, Officiating Chief of Material, were also present on the occasion.

Later, this morning, the new Naval Chief called on the Prime Minister, the Defence Minister Shri V.K. Krishna Menon, Minister of State Ministry of Defence, Shri K. Raghunath Ramiah, the Deputy Defence Minister Shri D.R. Chavan, the Defence Secretary Shri O Pulla Reddi and the Financial Adviser to the Ministry of Defence Shri S. Jayashankar.

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