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NAVAL PROMOTIONS TO FLAG RANK

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Government have approved the upgrading of two senior Naval appointments at Naval Headquarters to Flag Rank.

Commodore K.F. Nair, Chief of Personnel, and Commodore P.S. Mahindroo, Chief of Material, have both been promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral in their present appointments with effect from today.

REAR ADMIRAL K.F. NAIR

Rear Admiral Nair joined the Indian Navy in 1942. During World War II he saw service in a number of ships and served in training establishments.

In 1944, he attended an anti-submarine specialist course in the United Kingdom.

Since Independence, Rear Admiral Nair has held important appointments both ashore and afloat. He held command of I.N.S. PANA and later became Captain of the 22nd Destroyer Squadron. He also held command of I.N.S. VALSURA - the Electrical Training School in Jamnagar, and I.N.S. VENDURUTHY, the premier training establishment of the Navy at Cochin. From 1959 to 1963, he was the Chief of Personnel at Naval Headquarters. For the next two years Rear-Admiral Nair was Chief of Staff to the Flag Officer Commanding, Indian Fleet. He returned to Naval Headquarters in June this year as Chief of Personnel.

REAR-ADMIRAL P.S. MAHINDROO

Rear-Admiral Mahindroo was the first Commanding Officer of I.N.S. VIKRANT, the Indian Navy's Aircraft Carrier when it was commissioned in 1961. He went to sea in 1933 as a cadet in the Indian Mercantile Training ~~Ship~~ Ship DUFFERIN. He joined the Indian Navy in 1939. During World War II, he served in many ships employed on active operational service both in the Indian Ocean and the Atlantic.

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Since Independence, he has held a number of important appointments, both ashore and afloat. He was the first Indian Chief Instructor, Naval Wing at the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, in 1955. A year later he commanded I.N.S. DELHI which was then the Flag Ship of the Navy. He has also held command of I.N.S. SHIVAJI, the Mechanical Training Establishment of the Indian Navy.

Later he was the Commodore Superintendent of the Naval Dockyard in Bombay

At Naval Headquarters Rear Admiral Mahindroo has been a former Director of Naval Plans. He took over as Chief of Material at Naval Headquarters in February this year.

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