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CURSETJI NEW COMMANDING OFFICER OF NAVY'S FLAGSHIP

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Captain Jal Cursetji, 47, today took over command of the Indian Navy's flagship, the aircraft carrier INS VIKRAMT. The previous incumbent of this most important sea command of the Navy, Captain V.A. Kamath, has been selected for the Imperial Defence College Staff Course in the United Kingdom.

Commissioned into the Royal Indian Navy in 1940, Captain Cursetji saw active service afloat both in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. Later, he became the first and senior-most Indian officer of the hydrographic, or survey branch of the Indian Navy. He officiated as the Surveyer-in-Charge, Marine Survey of India from 1950 to 1953, and was appointed Chief Hydrographer to the Government of India in 1955. From 1961 to 1965, he was the Indian Naval Attache in Washington, the first officer to hold this post.

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