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The appointment of Commodore N.Krishnan, D.S.C., as the Vice Chief of the Naval Staff, was announced today. He will take over his new assignment tomorrow in the rank of Rear Admiral.

Rear Admiral S.N.Kohli, the first Vice Chief of the Naval Staff, will take over as Flag Officer Commanding, Indian Fleet, from Rear Admiral S.M.Nanda, who will assume the appointment of Flag Officer Bombay early next year. Rear Admiral P.S. Mahindroo, Chief of Material, will take over as the Director General of the Naval Dockyard Expansion Scheme, Bombay.

Two further promotions to the rank of Rear Admiral have also been announced. Captain J. Cursetji, Commanding I.N.S. VIKRANT, will take over as Chief of Personnel in Naval Headquarters, and Captain V.A. Kemath, currently undergoing the Imperial Defence College Course in the United Kingdom, as the Chief of Material.

The present Flag Officer Bombay, Rear Admiral R.S.David, and the Director General of the Dockyard Expansion Schome, Rear Admiral P.K. Mukerjee, will shortly be placed on the retired list.

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