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SENIOR NAVAL APPOINTMENTS

Admiral Kohli to Head NDC

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The appointment of Rear Admiral S.N.Kohli, 52, as Commandant of the National Defence College, New Delhi, in the rank of Vice-Admiral, announced today, will result in a chain of new assignments for senior officers of the Indian Navy commencing at the end of the year.

Admiral Kohli, who is at present Flag Officer Commanding the Western Fleet, will take over his new appointment on January 4,1969. He succeeds Lt.-Gen.M.M.Khanna, who is retiring. The post of Commandant of the Defence College, which is rotated among the three Services, now falls to the turn of the Navy.

Rear-Admiral V.A. Kamath, 47, currently Chief of Material at the Maval Headquarters, will take over command of the Western Fleet on January 2,1969. He will fly his flag in I.N.S. VIKRANT.

Commodore K.L.Kulkarni, at present Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff, will become the Navy's newest Rear-Admiral when he takes over as Chief of Material on December 28,1968.

Commodore Kulkarni, who is 47, joined the Royal Indian Mavy in 1940 and is a specialist in navigation. Among the more important appointments recently held by him are command of the 15th Frigate Squadron and Naval Officer-in-Charge, Goa.

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