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NEW CADRE FOR SENIOR SAILORS FORMED

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The formation of a new cadre of Master Chief Petty Officer for senior sailors of the Navy was announced by the Naval Headquarters today (December 15). The announcement comes on Navy Day, which is being celebrated all over the country today.

Hitherto, the highest rank a sailor not promoted to commissioned rank could attain was that of Chief Petty Officer. With the formation of the new cadre, 25% of all Chief Petty Officers can now aspire to become Master Chief Petty Officer Class II and upto 15% of them Class I.

The added responsibilities of the Master Chief Petty Officers will carry with them increased privileges and higher rates of pay.

Also announced today were increased monetary benefits for those Naval personnel serving in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The Andaman Allowance contains a triple element—rigours and hardships of life in the islands, the remoteness of the areas concerned, and a compensatory allowance factor.

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