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ADMIRAL KRISHNAN TAKES OVER AS FOC-IN-C., EASTERN NAVAL COMMAND

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Vice Admiral N. Krishnan, PVSM, DSC, who was until recently Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command, Bombay, will take over as Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command at Vishakhapatnam on March 1, 1971, from Rear Admiral K.R. Nair who will proceed on leave pending retirement.

Born on 8th June, 1919, Vice Admiral Krishnan joined the "DUFFELIN" in 1935, and the Indian Navy in 1938. On completion of his initial training in 1941, he served in various ships of the Indian Navy and saw active service in the Indian Ocean area over the next three years, receiving the Distinguished Service Cross for his action in capturing an enemy ship during this time.

Admiral Krishnan has held several important commands afloat and ashore. For nearly three years, he was in the command of the cruiser INS DELHI, during which period the "DELHI" took part in Goa operations off Diu. Later he commanded INS 'VIKRANT' from September 1963 to December 1964.

As Director of Naval Plans between 1944-50, he piloted the first ten year plan for development of the Navy. He was the first Indian Naval officer to undergo the Joint Services Staff Course in the United Kingdom in 1951. He has held several important appointments including

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that of Director of Personal Services at Naval Headquarters and Deputy Secretary (Military) to the Cabinet. In 1965, he graduated from the Imperial Defence College in London and served for a year as Naval Adviser to the Indian High Commissioner in London. During his appointment as Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff, he was selected by the Government to assist the Ghana Government in the re-organisation of their Navy.

From December 1967 to early 1970 Vice-Admiral Krishnan has been Vice Chief of the Naval Staff. He was awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal by the President.

The outgoing Flag Officer, Rear-Admiral K.R. Nair was commissioned into the Royal Indian Navy in 1942. He saw action in the Burma theatre in the World War II while serving in the coastal forces and other warships of the Indian Navy.

He was one of the first few Indian Officers selected for specialisation course in anti-submarine warfare in the United Kingdom. During World War II he was engaged in convoy and escort duties in the Atlantic. After the last war he was sent to the United Kingdom to standby India's first cruiser INS DELHI in 1947 and served on this ship for over two years as the first Lieutenant and torpedo officer.

He has hold various important commands at shore and afloat including INS VALSURA and INS VENDURUTHY.

He was appointed Captain Indian Naval Barracks in 1958, and served twice as the Chief of Personnel at Naval Headquarters. He was awarded the PVSMM for his valuable contributions to the progress of the Indian Fleet. With the creation of the Eastern Naval Command in 1967 he took over as Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the command which has expanded considerably since then.