

BIO-DATA

REAR-ADMIRAL V.A. KAMATH

After completing High School in Madras, Admiral Vasudeva Anant Kamath joined the Indian Mercantile Marine Training Ship Dufferin, Bombay, in 1936, as a cadet. He joined the Royal Indian Navy in 1939 and was sent to England for further training.

Since then he has had a proud war record. He has served in ships of both the Royal and the Indian Navy. In 1956 he was Commander of I.N.S. 'TIR', the Midshipman's training ship. He commissioned and commanded the Navy's modern frigate, INS 'TRISHUL', senior ship of the 15th Frigate Squadron.

After a spell as the Director of Naval Plans in Naval Headquarters, Admiral Kamath commanded the Aircraft carrier I.N.S. 'VIKRANT', from November 1964 to January 1967. He then proceeded to the United Kingdom to undergo the Imperial Defence College Course at London.

Returning to India in January 1968, he took as the Chief of Material, Naval Headquarters in the rank of Rear Admiral.

Prior to his taking over his present appointment as Flag Officer Commanding, Southern Naval Area in August 1970, Admiral Kamath served as Flag Officer Commanding, Western Fleet from January 2, 1969 to August 1, 1970.

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