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ADMIRAL KULK.RNI RETIRES

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Vice Admiral K.L. Kulkarni, PVSM, Flag Officer Commanding in Chief Eastern Naval Command, retired from service today (1 April 1976), after 34 years of meritorious service.

Admiral Kulkarni was commissioned in the then Royal Indian Navy on 1st May 1942. After his various sea going appointments he specialised in Radar and Advance Navigation and Direction courses in United Kingdom besides qualifying the course at National Defence College, Delhi.

Among various important appointments held by him were Commanding Officer INS Trishul and Captain (F), 15th Frigate Squadron, from 1961 to 1963; Director National Cadets Corps, Gujarat State, from 1963 to 1964; Naval Officer-in-Charge, Goa, 1964-1967. During 1967-1973 he was Assistant Chief of Naval Staff and Chief of Material at Naval Headquarters. He was promoted to the Flag rank in May 1971.

Admiral Kulkarni was appointed Flag Officer Commandingin-Chief Eastern Naval Command, Vishakhapatnam in March 1973. He was promoted to the rank of Vice Admiral in October 1973. This appointment he held till his retirement.

He was awarded Param Vishisht Seva Medal in 1973.

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