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ADMIRAL PARKASH TO HEAD EASTERN NAVAL COMMAND

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Rear Admiral Swaraj Parkash, MVC, AVSM, has been promoted to the acting rank of Vice Admiral and appointed Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief Eastern Naval Command to succeed Vice Admiral K.L. Kulkarni, who has retired.

Admiral Parkash, 52, was commissioned in the then Royal Indian Navy in 1943. Besides graduating from the Defence Services Staff College at Wellington, he specialized in Long Navigation and Direction Course in U.K. and qualified in Naval Command Course at Naval War College in U.S.A.

Among the important appointments held by him were Commanding Officer of Indian Naval Ships KRISHNA, BETWA, KHUKRI, DELHI and aircraft carrier INS VIKRANT. Also, he was Naval Attache to the Indian Ambassador in USSR, and Director of Submarine Arm at the Naval Headquarters.

Admiral Parkash was awarded Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 1971 and decorated with the Maha Vir Chakra after the December 1971 operations when he commanded INS Vikrant.

He was promoted to the Flag rank and appointed Deputy Chief of Naval Staff in 1973. Thereafter, he was Flag Officer commanding Western Fleet from 1973 to 1974.

Prior to taking up his present appointment he was Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff since 1974.

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