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INDIAN NAVY'S FIRST LADY COMMANDER

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Dr. (Mrs) Barbara Ghosh, M.D., D.C.H. (London) has become the first lady to hold a Commander's rank in the Indian Navy. In-charge of the Department of Pediatrics at the Indian Naval Hospital Ship (I.N.H.S.) Asvini, Commander Ghosh has to her credit 16½ years of dedicated service in the Navy. Soon after qualifying from the Grant Medical College, Bombay she joined the Navy way back in 1961. She was the first lady medical officer to get a permanent commission in the Navy.

Sur. Ghosh has many more firsts also to her credit. Standing first in both the Junior and the Senior Medical Officers' Courses she was the first lady medical officer in the Army Medical Corps to receive the Director General Armed Forces Medical Services medal. She was the first to start in 1963, the Pediatric Services at I.N.H.S. Asvini, Navy's premier hospital. She later held the appointment of Reader in Pediatrics at the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune, for four years.

Surgeon Cdr. (Mrs.) Ghosh is married to Commander D. Ghosh, a distinguished gynaecologist of the Indian Navy.

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