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SYSTEM OF CAPTAIN COMMANDANTS INTRODUCED
IN INDIAN NAVY

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The Government has approved the institution of a system of Captain Commandants in the Navy. These appointments are open to Senior Naval Officers, serving or retired, not below the rank of Captain (IN) in the Executive Engineering, Electrical and Supply and Secretariat branches of the Indian Navy.

The duties of a Captain Commandant are as follows:-

- (a) Fostering esprit-de-Corps in the Branch.
- (b) Acting in an Advisory capacity to the head of the Branch on welfare matters.
- (c) Advising Naval Headquarters on matters concerning the Branch on which he may be consulted.
- (d) Advising the Branch on matters like Ceremonials, Crests and Battle Honours etc.
- (e) Assist and advise in collecting material of historical importance to the Branch.
- (f) Encouraging contacts with retired officers and men and organising re-unions.

Due to movements of naval personnel from one appointment to another, there is a need to appoint some mature and experienced officer with a background of distinguished service career to look after and further the overall interests of important Branches in the Indian Navy. The Captain Commandants will be the father figures in their respective branches.

The system....

The system of appointing senior Army Officers as Colonels of Regiments or Colonel Commandants of the Corps has been in vogue for a considerable time. Similarly, Commodore Commandants of Operational Squadrons have also been appointed in the Air Force in the recent past.

The following retired naval officers have been selected for the appointment as Captain Commandants taking in view their individual record of service and their contribution to the Navy while in service:-

- (a) Vice Admiral N. Krishnan - Executive Branch
- (b) Vice Admiral R. Tandon - Engineering Branch
- (c) Rear Admiral K.R. Ramnath - Electrical Branch
- (d) Rear Admiral S.J. Lalkaka - Supply and Secretariat

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