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REAR ADMIRAL DATTA PROMOTED

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Rear Admiral N.P. Datta, Deputy Chief of Naval Staff at Naval Headquarters, has been promoted to the rank of Vice Admiral.

Before taking over his present appointment in March 1976, he had held the appointment of Assistant Chief of Naval Staff at Naval Headquarters and Flag Officer Commanding, Western Fleet.

Among the ships commanded by Admiral Datta in his earlier Naval career were the Cruiser INS Mysore, the Anti Submarine Frigate, INS Talwar, and the destroyer INS Ganga. Other important appointments held by him were Fleet Operations Officer Western Fleet and Director of Naval Plans, Naval Headquarters. He was deputed as Naval Adviser to the High Commission for India in the U.K. from December 1969 to April 1972.

A Torpedo and Anti Submarine specialist Admiral Datta has graduated from both the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington and the Royal College of Defence Studies, London.

Admiral Datta was awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 1971.

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