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ADMIRAL SARMA TO HEAD EASTERN NAVAL COMMAND

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Vice Admiral S.H. Sarma has taken over as Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command. He replaces Vice Admiral Swaraj Parkash who has been appointed Chief of Personnel in the Naval Headquarters.

Vice Admiral Sarma joined Dufferin in 1937. After a brief spell in the Merchant Navy (1939-42), he was commissioned in the Indian Navy in December 1942. He saw active service in the various theatres during World War II. He specialised in Navigation in the U.K. in 1948 and qualified the Staff Course at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich in 1957.

Among the various appointments held by him were Commanding Officer, Navigation Direction School of the Indian Navy (1954 to 1956), INS KHUKRI (in 1958). He was Deputy Naval Adviser, Indian High Commission, London from 1960 to 1963. He has also commanded the 16 Frigate Squadron (1964 to 1965), Training Establishment INS VENDURUTHY (1966 to 1968), the Cruiser Mysore (1968 to 1969) and the Navy's Eastern Fleet from 1971 to 1973.

Admiral Sarma was appointed Director General Naval Dockyard and Expansion Scheme in 1973. He was Flag Officer Commanding Southern Naval area from 1973 to 1975. Prior to taking appointment, he was Commandant National Defence College since January 1975. He was awarded PVSM in 1971 for distinguished service of the most exceptional order.

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