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VICE ADMIRAL SCHUNKER **TAKES** OVER AS VICE CHIEF
OF THE NAVAL STAFF

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Vice Admiral M.R. Schunker, ~~has taken~~ over as Vice Chief of the Naval Staff at the Naval Headquarters on April 1, 1980. He succeeds Vice Admiral Swaraj Parkash. Prior to this appointment he was Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Naval Command for over two years.

His other senior appointments include Chief of the Staff to the Flag Officer Commanding, Western Naval Command, Flag Officer Commanding, Western Fleet and Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff at the Naval Headquarters.

A graduate of the JSSC and National Defence College, he commanded the destroyer INS Rana after which he served at Naval Headquarters as Deputy Director of the Naval Plans before taking up the appointment in 1962 as Fleet Operations Officer to the Flag Officer Commanding, Indian Fleet. After a spell ashore, he took command of INS Amba, the Submarine Depot Ship. He also commanded INS Kunjali and INS Valsura, the Provost and Electrical School respectively.

After independence, he served on board the Frigates Jamuna and Sulej before proceeding to the U.K. where he graduated in the Long Gunnery Course in 1948. Thereafter, he served in various gunnery appointments including that of Squadron Gunnery Officer of the IXI Destroyer Squadron and Gunnery Officer of the Cruiser INS Mysore when she was commissioned in 1957.