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NAVY BIDS FAREWELL TO ITS
MOST DISTINGUISHED SAILOR

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At INS INDIA, the naval establishment in the Capital the officers and men of the Indian Navy bade a touching farewell today to Admiral R.L. Pereira, who would be hauling down his flag on 1st March, 1982, as Chief of the Naval Staff and Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee.

Commissioned in 1943, Admiral Pereira specialised in gunnery and is a graduate of the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington. In his distinguished career of 39 years he has held the key appointments of Flag Officer Commanding, Eastern Fleet, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command and the Vice Chief of the Naval Staff.

As Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Pereira endeavoured to build a three dimensional blue water Navy with a greater punch capability. By his forthright and pragmatic approach he aroused national consciousness for the rapid development of a credible Navy which is imperative for the defence of the country's growing maritime interests.

A dedicated sailor, Admiral Pereira is held in great esteem by the rank and file of the Indian Navy for his great qualities of head and heart.

He was awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 1971 and his continued service of an exceptionally high order were further recognised in 1977, when he was awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal.