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VICE ADMIRAL CHOPRA TAKES OVER EASTERN NAVAL COMMAND

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Vice Admiral S.C. Chopra has been appointed Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam. Prior to this appointment, he was commanding the Western Fleet.

Admiral Chopra's earlier appointments include that of Flag Officer Goa Area, Senior Directing Staff (Navy) at the NDC, New Delhi, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Air) and Chief of Staff in the Western Naval Command, Bombay. He was the first officer from the first course of the National Defence Academy to be elevated to flag rank (and equivalent in the other services).

A graduate of the National Defence College, New Delhi and the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, Admiral Chopra is one of the senior-most naval aviators. A qualified flying instructor, he commanded a squadron of fighters on board INS Vikrant in 1964 and later commanded the frigate INS Beas and the fleet tanker, INS Deepak.

Admiral Chopra was awarded the Na. Sena Medal in 1972 and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 1985.

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