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NEW ARMY COMMANDERS AND VICE CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF ANNOUNCED

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Lt. General V.K. Nayar, presently GOC of a Corps has been appointed General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Western Command with effect from November 1, 1987.

Lt Gen S.F. Rodrigues, currently GOC of a Corps will assume charge as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff (VCOAS) at Army Headquarters on November 1, 1987. Lt Gen Sami Khan, General Officer Commanding of a Corps in the Northern Sector, will assume the office of GOC-in-C Central Command on January 1, 1988, when the present incumbent Lt Gen K.B. Mehta retires.

Lt Gen V.K. Nayar was commissioned in 1951 and is a graduate of the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington and the National Defence College. He commanded an independent Brigade Group in 1974 and later the Nagaland and Manipur Division from 1981 to 1983. Lt Gen Nayar was Additional D.G.M.O. at Army Headquarters and is the Colonel of the Parachute Regiment. He is a recipient of the Param Vishist Seva Medal and Sena Medal.

Lt Gen. S.F. Rodrigues was commissioned in 1952 in the Artillery Regiment, and is a graduate of the Staff College, Wellington. His important appointments include command of a Mountain Brigade, Chief Instructor, Defence Services Staff College, the command of an Infantry Division and Director General, Military Training at the Army Headquarters. He is a recipient of Vishist Seva Medal.

Lt Gen Sami Khan.....

Lt General Sami Khan, commissioned in June 1951 in Madras Regiment, is a graduate from the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington. His major appointments include the Command of the 4 Madras (Walaja Light Infantry) with which he had served in Congo as a part of the U.N. Peace Keeping Force, the command of a Brigade in J & K, an Instructor at the College of Combat, Mhow, command of a Mountain Division, Additional Director General Personal Services of the Army Headquarters and Commandant of the National Defence Academy. He is a recipient of Param Vishist Seva Medal and Seva Medal.

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