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NEW VICE CHIEF TAKES OVER

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Vice Admiral SC Chopra, PVSM, AVSM, NM has taken over as the Vice Chief of the Naval Staff from Vice Admiral GM Hiranandani, PVSM, AVSM who retired on February 23, 1989.

A graduate from Defence Services Staff College, Wellington and National Defence College, New Delhi, Admiral Chopra is the senior most serving officer of the Naval Air Arm. Admiral Chopra has held various appointments ashore and afloat including training assignment as Flying Instructor in Air Force Flying Colleges. He commanded INS BEAS, INS DEEPAK and EASTERN FLEET. His other distinguished appointments include Director, Naval Air Staff, Senior Directing Staff (Navy) at the National Defence College and Flag Officer Commanding, Goa Area. Prior to this appointment, Admiral Chopra was Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, of Eastern Naval Command at Visakhapatnam. As FOC-in-C East, he was responsible for the successful Naval Operations at Sri Lanka. Admiral Chopra is a recipient of Param Vishisht Seva Medal and Ati Vishisht Seva Medal for distinguished services of the highest and most exceptional order.

Vice Admiral Chopra hails from Delhi and is a keen golfer who represented Navy in various services and other Golf Championships and brought laurels to the Navy.