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NEW VICE CHIEF FOR NAVY

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Vice Admiral H Johnson, PVSM, VSM, has been appointed Vice Chief of the Naval Staff. He will succeed Vice Admiral SC Chopra, PVSM, AVSM, NM, who is retiring on 30 June 90. Commissioned in 1955 in the Executive Branch, he is a Naval Aviator.

He has commanded Indian Naval Ships, Gomti, Tir, Amba and Taragiri and the Naval Air Station INS Garuda at Cochin. His other distinguished appointments include Naval Attache at Bonn, Senior Directing Staff (Navy) at the National Defence College, Flag Officer Commanding Goa Area and Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet.

A receptent of Param Vishisht Seva Medal for distinguished Service of the most exceptional order, Admiral Johnson is an alumnus of the Royal College of Defence Studies, London.

At present Vice Admiral Johnson is the Director General. Coast Guard.

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