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NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF FOR SOUTHERN NAVAL COMMAND

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Vice Admiral SP Govil, PVSM, AVSM, assumed the appointment of Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command, Cochin, this morning. He relieved Vice Admiral RP Sawhney, FVSM who retired on 30 Sep 90.

Vice Admiral Govil was commissioned in the Indian Navy in January 1955. In his earlier years he saw service at sea onboard Minesweepers, Destroyers and the Cruiser Mysore. Having specialised in Signal and Communications he served as an Instructor in Signal School, at sea and with Director of Naval Signals at Naval Headquarters. He also served as Assistant Naval Adviser in London from 1966 to 1969.

As a Commander/Captain, he has held a variety of appointments both afloat and ashore. His important appointments include the Command of Destroyer GANGA, Frigate TALWAR, Fleet Operations Officer Western Fleet, Naval Assistant to Chief of the Naval Staff, Director of an important Communication Project and Command of leander class Frigate DUNAGIRI.

Promoted to Rear Admiral in November 1982 he has held the appointments of the Chief of Staff, Western Naval Command in Bombay, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet in Vizag and Assistant Chief of Naval Staff Operations at Naval Headquarters, New Delhi.

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On promotion to Vice Admiral in March 1987, he took over the assignment of Fortress Commander Andaman & Nicobar Islands - the only unified Command in the country, an appointment he held until taking over as the Commandant of the prestigious National Defence College at New Delhi on 01 Sep 88 - an appointment which he has held for 2 years.

He is a graduate of the Royal College of Defence Studies London and for his distinguished services of exceptionally high order he was awarded the Ati Vishist Seva Medal in the Republic Day honours list in 1985 and Param Vishist Seva Medal in 1990.

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