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VICE ADMIRAL KASZ RAJU TAKES OVER WESTERN
NAVAL COMMAND

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Vice Admiral KASZ Raju took over as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command, Bombay from Vice Admiral H Johnson, who is retiring today. Admiral Raju was the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command, Cochin.

Educated at the Prince of Wales Royal Indian Military College, Dehra Dun, Vice Admiral KASZ Raju, PVSM, AVSM, NM joined the Joint Services Wing, National Defence Academy as a cadet in July 1953. Having been adjudged the best all-round Naval Cadet, he was commissioned in the Navy on 01 Jul 58. In the Fleet Air Arm he specialised in Air Warfare and has flown more than 25 different types of aircraft in the Navy and the Air Force.

He was a member of the first Fighter Squadron in the Navy and embarked on India's first aircraft carrier INS Vikrant, when it was commissioned in 1961. During the 1971 Indo-Pak war he was awarded the Nao Sena Medal for gallantry whilst serving as the Executive Officer of the frigate, INS Brahmaputra.

He has held a wide variety of command appointments both afloat and ashore, in the last 20 years. These include commands of Indian Naval Ships Tir, Deepak, Vikrant, Naval Air Station

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INS Hansa and of an air squadron at Goa. On promotion to Flag Rank in 1985, he took over as the Assistant Chief of Personnel (Career Planning) at Naval Headquarters and later served as the Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet in 1987-89 during which period two new Missile Frigates and the Second Aircraft Carrier joined the fleet and became highly combat efficient units.

On promotion to Vice Admiral in March 1989 he was appointed as the Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff, an appointment he held till December 1990. He was the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Southern Naval Command from December 1990, till taking over the present appointment.

He is a graduate of the Defence Service Staff College and the Royal College of Defence Studies, London. In recognition of his distinguished service of an exceptionally high order, he has been awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and the Param Vishisht Seva Medal.

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