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Vice Admiral VS Shekhawat took over as Vice Chief of the Naval Staff here today.

After being commissioned into Navy in July 1956, he served on cruisers and frigates but later moved on to the submarines. After being Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of several submarines he commanded the 8th Submarine Squadron and subsequently was Director of the Submarine Arm in 1975-77.

On promotion to Flag rank in June 1984, he served as Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Operations) at Naval Headquarters. Later on he was also Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet and FOC, Maharashtra Area. As Vice Admiral, he served as Director General of Inter Services Defence Planning Staff and FOC-in-C, Eastern Naval Command at Visakhapatnam.

A graduate of US Naval War College, Newport, Vice Admiral Shekhawat was awarded Vir Chakra during 1971 Indo-Pak War and Ati Vishisht Seva Medal for rendering services of exceptionally high order.

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