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NEW FORTRESS COMMANDER

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Rear Admiral Sushil Kumar, on promotion to the rank of Vice Admiral, is to be the next Fortress Commander, Andaman & Nicobar Islands (FORTAN). He will take over at Port Blair, on May 13, 1994, from Vice Admiral PS Das. The Fortress Command is the only Integrated Tri-Service Operational Command of the Armed Forces.

Rear Admiral (Vice Admiral designate) Sushil Kumar is a specialist in amphibious operations and hydrography. He was the Director of Naval Operations during operations PAWAN and CACTUS. Thrice decorated, he is the recipient of Uttam Yudh Seva Medal (UYSM), Nao Sena Medal (NM) and recently the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM).

Commissioned in 1961, he graduated from Defence Services' Staff College (DSSC) as well as the National Defence College, (NDC) and has held several key assignments afloat and ashore, including Flag Officer Maharashtra Area and Chief of Staff at Western Naval Command, besides Sea-commands of various ships. He is presently the Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Policy & Plans) at the Naval Headquarters.

An accomplished horseman and a polo-player, he has represented India at International events in Equestrian as well as Yachting competitions.

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