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Vice Admiral AR Tandon assumed charge as Flag Officer

Commanding-in-Chief Southern Naval Command at Kochi, today. He succeeds Vice Admiral Inderjit Bedi who retired from the Naval Service today after 38 years of distinguished service.

An alumnus of National Defence Academy, Khadakvasla, Admiral Tandon was commissioned in the Indian Navy on 01 January 61. A communications specialist he has also undergone Advance Dagger 'C' course in UK. He is a graduate of Defence Services Staff College, Wellington (Tamil Nadu) and Royal College of Defence Studies, UK.

Admiral Tandon has held major commands at sea. He commanded Missile Frigate INS Amini and Missile Destroyer Rana. He led the Western Fleet during 1991-92.

His important appointments ashore include Chief of Staff of the Western Naval Command, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Policy & Plans) and Controller of Warship Production and Acquisition at Naval Headquarters. Prior to his taking over as C-in-C South, he had been Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff since Jan 1995. He also held appointments of President, Services, Sports Control Board and Vice President of Indian Olympic Association.

Admiral AR Tandon is a recipient of Ati Vishisht Seva Medal for distinguished service of a very high order.

Vice Admiral Inderjit Bedi after his schooling from Nawanshahar, Doaba, Jullundur joined NDA in Jan 1954 and was commissioned in the Indian Navy on 01 July 1958. He specialised in communications and received Advance Telecommunications training at Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham, UK. He is a graduate of Defence Services Staff College, Wellington (Tamil Nadu) and Post Graduate of Naval War College, Newport, USA. During his distinguished career span of 38 years, Admiral Bedi commanded Patrol Vessel Kamorta and Frigates Udaygiri and Godavari. He led the Western Fleet during 1989-90. His significant appointments ashore included Chief Instructor (Navy) at DSSC, Wellington, Assistant Controller of Warship Production and Acquisition, Fortress Commander Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Commandant National Defence Academy, Khadakvasla Pune. He is a recipient of Param Vishisht Seva Medal and Ati Vishisht Seva Medal.

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