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**VICE ADMIRAL DESILVA TAKES OVER AS NEW DG COAST  
GUARD**

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Vice Admiral J C DeSilva has assumed charge as Director General Coast Guard at a ceremonial function at Coast Guard Headquarters today. Vice Admiral J C DeSilva, a graduate of the National Defence Academy, was commissioned in Indian Navy on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1965. He is specialist in Gunnery. He was Chief of Personnel in Naval Headquarters since March 1998. He was decorated with the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 1993. He was promoted to the rank of Vice Admiral in 1997 and appointed as the Controller, Warship Production and Acquisition at Naval Headquarters.

Vice Admiral DeSilva succeeds Vice Admiral R N Ganesh who will take over as Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command, Kochi on 8<sup>th</sup> March 1999. Vice Admiral R N Ganesh held the post of Director General Coast Guard since November 19, 1996.

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