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**VICE ADMIRAL OP BANSAL TAKES OVER AS NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL OF  
COAST GUARD**

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Vice Admiral OP Bansal took over as Director General of Coast Guard here today

Vice Admiral Bansal did his early education in Delhi and Ajmer before joining National Defence Academy in 1963. After initial naval training, the Flag Officer specialised in gunnery and missiles. He took active part in 1971 Indo-Pak War as gunnery officer, INS Talwar. His other sea appointments include, Executive Officer INS Udaygiri and INS Krishna. The Command appointments include Command of Sultanate of Oman Navy Ship Al-Mansoor, INS Hosdurg, INS Ranjit, Flag Officer Sea Training and Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet. The shore appointments held by him include Commanding Officer INS Mandovi, Director of Naval Training, Director General Project Sea Board, Assistant Chief of Personnel (Human Resource Development), Controller of Personnel Services and Fortress Commander Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Vice Admiral Bansal has done advance gunnery course at Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham, UK, US Naval War College New Port, Rhode Island, USA and National Defence College New Delhi. He was awarded Vishisht Seva Medal in 1982 and Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 1992.

Vice Admiral OP Bansal took over from Shri Rameshwar Singh who retired yesterday as DG Coast Guard after 40 years of distinguished service

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