



D.K. Tripathi as Chief of the Naval Staff

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The Government has appointed **Vice Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi**, as the **next Chief of the Naval Staff**. Before this he served as the Vice Chief of the Naval Staff.

- He assumed the charge, after the retirement of **Admiral R Hari Kumar** from service on 30th April 2024.
- Vice Admiral Tripathi has served the Indian Navy for nearly 39 years. He was commissioned into the Executive Branch of the Indian Navy on 01st July 1985.
 - He had served as the **Flag Officer**, Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command.
 - He is a **Communication and Electronic Warfare specialist**.
 - He has commanded [Indian Naval Ships Vinash, Kirch](#) and [Trishul](#).
- He has also held various important operational and staff appointments which include Fleet Operations Officer of the Western Fleet, Director of Naval Operations and Principal Director, Naval Plans at New Delhi.
- He was appointed as Commandant of the prestigious **Indian Naval Academy** at Ezhimala, Kerala.
- He is an alumnus of Sainik School Rewa and [National Defence Academy](#), Khadakwasla.

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