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Key Naval Commands and Roles: Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan has held several major operational, training, and administrative appointments during his long naval career.

Important Operational Commands:

- Commanded missile vessels INS Vidyut and INS Vinash
- Commanded missile corvette INS Kulish
- Commanded guided missile destroyer INS Mysore
- Commanded aircraft carrier **INS Vikramaditya**

Important Staff and Strategic Appointments

- Chief Staff Officer (Training), Southern Naval Command
- Head of the Navy's Work Up Organisation as Flag Officer Sea Training
- Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet
- Adviser for Offshore Security and Defence to the Government of India
- Chief of Staff, Western Naval Command
- Controller of Personnel Services and Chief of Personnel at Naval Headquarters
- Vice Chief of the Naval Staff before current appointment

He also played an important role in establishing the Indian Naval Safety Team responsible for operational safety across the Navy.

About the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS)

The Chief of the Naval Staff is the professional head of the Indian Navy and one of the senior-most military officers in India.

- The Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) holds the rank of a **four-star Admiral**.
- The appointment is made by the **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet** headed by the **Prime Minister**.
- The Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) **functions under the Ministry of Defence**.
- Chief of Navy Staff (CNS) stands at the **12th position in the Indian Order of Precedence**. The CNS shares this rank and order of precedence with Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Chief of Air Staff (CAS) and Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)

Major Responsibilities of Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS):

- Supervises naval operations and maritime security
- Oversees naval modernisation and force preparedness
- Advises the government on maritime and strategic affairs

- Coordinates with the Chief of Defence Staff and other service chiefs on joint military planning
 - Protects India's maritime interests in the Indian Ocean Region
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