



**VICE ADMIRAL MS PAWAR, AVSM, VSM ASSUMES CHARGE
AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF (DCNS)**

Vice Admiral MS Pawar, AVSM, VSM assumed charge as Deputy Chief of Naval Staff on 01Feb 19. A graduate of the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, Pune, he was commissioned on 01 Jul 1982. During the abinitio naval training he was adjudged 'Best all round Cadet' and also stood first overall in the yearlong Sub Lieutenant Technical Courses. He later specialised in Navigation and Direction topping the coveted and highly competitive course.

The Admiral has held various challenging Staff and Command assignments during his distinguished career and has had wide ranging experience of over 25 years in sea going billets onboard diverse platforms ranging from small ships to aircraft carrier. He was the Navigating Officer of INS Magar during Op Pawan in Sri Lanka, the Fleet Navigating Officer of the Western Fleet during Kargil War and the Fleet Operations Officer of Western Fleet when the *IN* commenced anti piracy patrols in the Gulf of Aden and the *IN* undertook the largest deployment to the Atlantic Ocean. He has commanded Indian Naval Ships *Nashak* as the commissioning CO, *Kuthar*, *Talwar* and the Mauritius National Coast Guard Ship *Vigilant*-the senior ship of the No. 1 Patrol Vessel Squadron. He was also the Commandant of the Mauritius National Coast Guard, during 2003. His Joint Service tenures include instructor at the National Defence Academy and Deputy Assistant Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (Maritime) at HQIDS. On promotion to Flag Rank, he has held the key assignments of Flag Officer Sea Training, Chief of Staff of Southern Naval Command, Flag Officer Commanding Maharashtra and Gujarat Area (FOMAG). He was also the first to tenant the billet of the newly created Flag Officer Gujarat Naval Area. As Vice Admiral he has been the Director General Project Seabird and Chief of Staff, Eastern Naval Command.

An alumnus of the Royal Naval Staff College, UK; College of Naval Warfare, Mumbai and National Defence College, Delhi, he has won awards at each of these institutions including the prestigious Herbert Lott Prize at Royal Naval Staff college, Greenwich, UK. The Admiral holds a double MPhil in Defence and Strategic Studies from Universities of Mumbai and Madras. He was awarded commendations by the Chief of Naval Staff in 1998, also by the Commissioner of Police, Mauritius in 2003, VSM in 2010 and AVSM in 2016.

An accomplished long distance runner, the Admiral is married to Mrs Meena Pawar and they have two children.