

BIO DATA

REAR ADMIRAL MONTY KHANNA, AVSM, NM (RETD)



1. Rear Admiral Monty Khanna, AVSM, NM (Retd) was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 01 Jan 83. An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, he won the 'Best Naval Cadet' award, 'Binoculars' as well as the Midshipman 'Sword of Honor' during his formative years. He is a submariner and has specialized in Navigation and Direction. Having undergone type conversion to Kilo Class submarines at Riga in erstwhile USSR, he commissioned two submarines, namely *Sindhuraj* and *Sindhukirti* as Navigating and Operations Officer. He later served as the Executive Officer of Indian Naval Submarine *Sindhuvijay*. His afloat commands include Indian Naval Submarine *Sindhuvijay* and the Frigates *Krishna* and *Gomati*. In addition to tenures as Naval Assistant to the VCNS and Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command, he was also the Naval Attaché at the Embassy of India, Washington D.C. On promotion to Flag Rank, he was appointed as the Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Foreign Co-operation & Intelligence) from Jan 12 to Dec 13. He was the Commandant of the Naval War College, Goa from Jan 14 to Nov 17 and thereafter the Chief Instructor (Navy), Defence Services Staff College, Wellington till his retirement on 31 Aug 2019.

2. Monty Khanna is a graduate of the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, College of Naval Warfare, Mumbai and Naval War College, USA. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from Jawaharlal Nehru University, two Master's Degree from Madras University and Cochin

University of Science and Technology and an MPhil (Defence and Strategic Studies) from Mumbai University. He is also an alumni of the Near East and South Asia (NESA) center of the National Defence University, Washington DC. He was awarded the NaoSena Medal in 2000 and the AtiVishishtSeva Medal in Jan 2017.

3. He has published over 20 articles in professional journals. He also regularly delivers lectures on a wide variety of subjects that include Leadership, Naval and Military Strategy, Geo-Politics of the Indo-Pacific, Developments within the PLA Navy, Security Implications of the BRI, Higher Defence Organisation, Ship Building and Restructuring our Armed Forces. He has spoken at the IONS Conference, Cape Town, Fullerton Forum, Singapore, Centre for Naval Analysis, Washington D.C., National Security Council Secretariat, National Defence College, Naval War College, Army War College, College of Defence Management, National Maritime Foundation, Centre for Joint Warfare Studies, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Takshashila Institute and at the LalBahadurShastri Administrative Academy, amongst others.

4. He is an excellent sportsman and has distinguished himself in the sport of yachting. He has represented the country in two Asian Sailing Championships overseas winning a Silver Medal in Hong Kong and Bronze Medal in Hiroshima. He has won several National and Naval awards in the sport. He is married to Sunanda Khanna and the couple have a daughter who is pursuing her Ph.D. in Public Policy from Harvard University.
