

Bio data – Cmde AN Sonsale, CMD Nepa



Cmde AN Sonsale was born in Indore and did his schooling in Indore. In the year 1977 he joined the National Defence Academy at Pune. He was commissioned in the Indian Navy in 1981. He is a Post Graduate Marine Engineer and Master of Business Administration. He is an alumnus of Naval College of Engineering, Lonavla, Defense Institute of Advanced Technology, Pune, College of Naval Warfare Mumbai and Faculty of Management Studies, Delhi University. Currently he is pursuing his Doctoral research in the field of Energy Efficiency in Paper Technology.

He has served on frontline warships of the Indian Navy including INS Ganga, INS Vindhyagiri and as Fleet Engineer officer of the Western Fleet. He was trained at United Kingdom in Dockyard management. He has a vast industrial experience from both the Naval Dockyards at Mumbai and Visakhapatnam. He started as an Asst. Manager on the shop floor and rose to the level of General Manager (Technical) at Naval Dock yard Visakhapatnam.

Cmde A. N. Sonsale has also served at Naval Headquarters as Joint Director of Marine Engineering and Director of Dockyards. He has served as Deputy Director General Naval Project at Visakhapatnam looking after creation of Technical infrastructure for Eastern Naval Command. He has been a part of a prestigious Design and Development organization of the Indian Navy that worked on the Nuclear submarine Project. He has also been a Head of Faculty in Military Institute of Technology that conducts mid career courses for our Defense Forces officers.

He is a regular contributor to professional journals and Seminars and has presented papers including at Institute of Marine engineers UK. He has served as Vice Chairman of Quality Circle forum of India Visakhapatnam Chapter and is a fellow of Indian Institute of Industrial Engineers and a member of Institute of Marine Engineers. He is on the Board of Governors of the National Safety Council.

After serving in the Indian Navy for 34 years he retired in Oct 2015 and has assumed the duties as Chairman and Managing Director of the Nepa Mills. Currently he is steering the modernization and revival project of Nepa mills.