There are nearly limitless opportunities for the ambitious Sailor or Officer, to make a Navy career even more significant. What's unique about the Navy is that once you've embarked on your career, the only way to go from there is up. Joining the Indian Navy is only the first step up the ladder. The Navy offers a professional support system wherein as you spend time in the Navy you will be trained and groomed to rise up the career ladder.

The Navy has a very fair and just system of promotions, wherein your hard work, sincerity, skills and talent are given due recognition and rewarded. The symbolic rank structure of officers and sailors in the Navy is as follows:-

	Officer		Sailor
Rank	Badge / Insignia	Rank	Badge
Admiral		Master Chief Petty Officer Ist Class	
Vice Admiral		Master Chief Petty Officer IInd Class	Q
Rear Admiral		Chief Petty Officer	
Commodore		Petty Officer	
Captain		Leading Rate	
Commander		Seaman Ist Class	

Lieutenant Commander	Seaman 2nd Class	
Lieutenant		
Sub Lieutenant		
Midshipman		

Promotion to Officer Rank

Sailors who possess unique leadership qualities and fulfil requisite conditions in terms of age, education etc can aspire to become Commissioned Officer in the Navy through Commission worthy (CW) scheme and Special Duties (SD) scheme. Such officer can aspire to Command Ships and Units and even rise to become Admirals! That is Navy's way of giving an opportunity to deserving few who for some unforeseen reasons could not make it to the officer rank.