

## India gift Dornier Maritime Reconnaissance aircraft to Sri Lanka

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The landmark event coincided with the celebration of India's Independence Day.

The aircraft would act as a force multiplier, enabling Sri Lanka to tackle multiple challenges such as human and drug trafficking, smuggling, and other organized forms of crime in its coastal waters more effectively.

The capability of the aircraft to undertake Search and Rescue operations exemplifies its direct benefit to the people.

Dornier 228 is from Germany but in 1983, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) bought a production licence and manufactured another 125 aircraft in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, India.

The 19 seater HAL - DO - 228 aircraft is a **highly versatile multi-purpose light transport aircraft**. It has been developed specifically to meet the manifold requirements of utility and commuter transport, third level services and air-taxi operations, coast guard duties and maritime surveillance.

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