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India Gifts Dornier Maritime Reconnaissance Aircraft to Sri Lanka

India gifted a Dornier Maritime Reconnaissance aircraft to Sri Lanka towards strengthening the maritime security of the island nation at a special event in Sri Lanka Air Force Base in Katunayake on 15th August. Navy and Air Force personnel of Sri Lanka who received training in India for close to four months shall operate the aircraft. Indian External Affairs Ministry said 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. Induction of the aircraft will equip Sri Lanka to contribute more towards the security of the Indian Ocean Region at large. Maritime security has been identified as a key pillar of the Colombo Security Conclave. Speaking on the occasion, High Commissioner Gopal Baglay emphasized that the induction of the aircraft will help in creating a peaceful environment for progress and prosperity of the people of India and Sri Lanka.