

# Dornier Squadron INAS 313

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Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 313, the fifth Dornier aircraft squadron was commissioned into the Indian Navy by Chief of the Naval Staff.

## Key highlights about the Squadron

- The Squadron **will be operating from Chennai International Airport.**
- With commissioning of INAS 313, the State of Tamil Nadu will have three naval air bases; which is the highest number for any Coastal State. INS Rajali at Arakkonam and INS Parundu at Ramnad are the other two air bases in Tamil Nadu.
- INAS 313 derives its name 'Sea Eagle' from the bird of prey family Accipitridae.
- The insignia of the squadron depicts a 'Greater Spotted Eagle' searching over the vast blue and white sea waves.
- 'Greater Spotted Eagle' is a large bird of prey and has good sensory capabilities, symbolising the envisaged role of the squadron.
- **The Squadron will operate Dornier aircraft** which is a multi-role Short Range Maritime Reconnaissance (SRMR) aircraft manufactured by HAL, under license from RUAG Aerospace.
- **The Dornier aircraft is used for** maritime surveillance, Search and Rescue Operations and to provide targeting data to weapon platforms.

## Significance

The strategic position of the squadron will give the nation, dominance over the North Eastern part of the Indian Ocean

which also consists of trade routes.