

# Tamil Nadu enters JLR's global production map



Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin drives Range Rover Evoque, the first vehicle to come out of Tata Motors-JLR manufacturing unit at Panapakkam in the Ranipet district of Tamil Nadu

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Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles (TMPV) and its subsidiary Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) on Monday announced the beginning of operations at its ₹9,000 crore manufacturing facility at Panapakkam in Ranipet district in Tamil Nadu.

The first vehicle to roll out of the plant is the locally manufactured Range Rover Evoque from JLR, a model celebrated globally for its modern luxury and exceptional craftsmanship.

The facility was formally inaugurated by the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin in the presence of Industries Minister T R B Rajaa.

Tata Sons and TMPV Chairman N Chandrasekaran said Tamil Nadu has entered into the elite list of the manufac-

turing units of the global brand, including the United Kingdom, Austria, China, and Brazil.

The company said that within five to seven years, it will produce around 250,000–300,000 units per year, converting Panapakkam into an export hub, and making it one of the largest such facilities in India.

"Now, Tamil Nadu will become part of the global production map. Tata has created its presence in TN on a large-scale through Tata Consultancy Services, Tata Power, Tata Chemicals, Indian Hotels, and Tata Electronics," said Chandrasekaran.

"This factory is the most advanced among Tata Motors-JLR factories. In four years, a total of three phases are planned. We are planning around 250,000–300,000 vehicles per year by then," he added.