

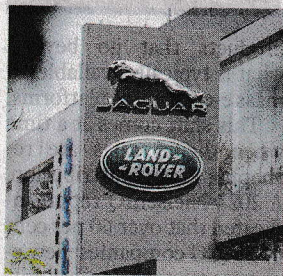
JLR to begin CKD operations at Ranipet facility from 2026; plant to get industrialised before 2032

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Tata Motors-owned Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) will begin operations of its completely knocked down (CKD) vehicles from the Ranipet plant in Tamil Nadu from early 2026. The company locally manufactures Range Rover and Range Rover Sport in India.

"We will start with CKD operations for JLR from early next year. Today, we have all our CKD operations in Pune, and over time, we will migrate them to the Tamil Nadu plant. The facility is also a Tata Motors plant, and we will require manufacturing capacity. All options will be discussed and



the best way forward for the Chennai plant. The plant will get industrialised before 2032 and we have time available before we can get it fully tipped up," said PB Balaji, Group CFO, Tata Motors, in a media roundtable in Mumbai.

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Further, JLR recently slashed its earnings before

interest and taxes (EBIT) margins for FY26 to 5-7 per cent on risks arising from US tariffs, transition to battery electric vehicles and a cloudy outlook for the Chinese market.

The company had earlier forecast an EBIT margin of 10 per cent. The company has stated that it will increase its market activation and reroute demand to other parts of the world.

"There are two possible impacts on the situation in the US. One is on the demand side, and the other is on the cost side. As far as the demand side is concerned, what we intend to dial up would be our market activation so that the strength of the brand, Range Rover, Range Rover Sport and the

Defender... with that, we should be able to mitigate some aspect of the demand stress that could be there. And also reroute some of the demand to other parts of the world, where we believe, for example, the UK is coming back for us. Europe, we believe, is in a stable zone at this point," he said.

"The current tariffs are still present. Even on the UK side, while the notification has come through, we would expect to get it operationalised in the next seven days. Until such time, there is a cost hit coming in. EU to the US, where our Slovakia plant is, there is something still under the tariff at this point, and therefore, we will have a cost impact for that," added Balaji.