

'Make in India': Modi, Spanish PM to open Tata-Airbus C295 unit on Oct 28

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Spanish counterpart Pedro Sanchez will inaugurate the Tata Advanced Systems Ltd's (TASL's) final assembly line facility for the C295 aircraft in Vadodara on Monday.

The manufacturing facility will be inaugurated during Sanchez's official visit to India from October 27 to 29. This will be the first private sector military aircraft manufacturing facility in India and has been described by the government as a "flagship" 'Make in India' initia-



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tive in the aerospace sector. The Airbus C295 transport aircraft manufactured at the facility, set up by TASL in collaboration with Airbus Spain, will be deployed by the Indian Air Force (IAF).

Modi laid the project's

foundation stone two years ago on October 30, and will inaugurate it with Sanchez on Monday, the Gujarat government said in a release this week. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) also confirmed the upcoming

inauguration. In September 2021, India formalised the acquisition of 56 C295 transport aircraft to replace the IAF's ageing Avro-748 fleet, under a nearly ₹21,000 crore deal with Airbus Defence and Space. While Airbus is delivering the first 16 aircraft in fly-away condition from its final assembly line in Seville, Spain, the remaining 40 will be manufactured and assembled by TASL in India, under an industrial partnership between the two companies.

Airbus officially handed over the first fly-away C295 aircraft, built in Seville, to the IAF in September 2023.