



Tata Group to set up FAL for C295 at Vadodara, Gujarat

On 30 October 2022, the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi, laid the foundation stone of the Final Assembly Line (FAL) for Tata Group's India C295 Programme at Vadodara, Gujarat. The unit will undertake aircraft manufacturing and assembly and will deliver a mission-ready aircraft in transport configuration, equipped with an indigenous Electronic Warfare Suite to the Indian Air Force (IAF). Raksha Mantri Mr. Rajnath Singh, Gujarat Governor, Acharya Devvrat, Chief Minister of Gujarat, Bhupendra Patel, Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya M Scindia, Defence Secretary, Dr. Ajay Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Rajiv Bansal and Chairman, Tata Sons, N. Chandrasekaran were among the dignitaries who were present on the occasion.

In September 2021, India formalised the acquisition of 56 Airbus C295 aircraft to replace the Indian Air Force legacy Avro fleet. It is the first 'Make in India' aerospace programme in the private sector, involving the development of a complete industrial ecosystem: from manufacture to



assembly, test and qualification, to delivery and maintenance of the complete lifecycle of the aircraft.

This will be the first time in the Indian private sector that an aircraft will be manufactured in-country, from parts to final assembly. The programme will lead to the development of a strong private industrial aerospace ecosystem in India and will create more than 15,000 skilled direct and indirect jobs across the aerospace eco-system, with more than 125 suppliers qualified on global quality standards across India.

Sixteen aircraft will be delivered in flyaway condition. They are scheduled to be received between September 2023 and August 2025. Remaining forty will be manufactured at the Vadodara manufacturing facility. The first Made in India aircraft is expected from September 2026.

The C-295 is a transport aircraft of 5-10 tonne capacity with contemporary technology that will replace the ageing Avro aircraft of IAF. Robust and reliable, it is a versatile and efficient tactical transport