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# First Made-in-India Airbus C-295 Aircraft Completes Maiden Test Flight from Vadodara

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The first Made-in-India Airbus C-295 successfully completed its maiden test flight from Vadodara.?

The aircraft has been manufactured by Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) in collaboration with Airbus.

It is the first of 40 C-295 aircraft that will be manufactured in India.

The project is part of a ₹21,935-crore deal signed between the Ministry of Defence and Airbus in 2021.

The Indian Air Force is procuring a total of 56 C-295 aircraft.

The first India-manufactured aircraft is expected to be delivered to the IAF during 2026.

## **About the Airbus C-295:**

Medium tactical military transport aircraft.

Manufactured globally by Airbus Defence and Space.

## **Designed for:**

Troop transportation

Cargo transportation

Medical evacuation

Maritime patrol

Disaster relief operations

Special operations missions

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Can operate from short and unprepared airstrips.

Capacity: Up to 71 troops, or Around 50 paratroopers.

India's C-295 Programme

Contract signed: September 2021

Contract Value: ₹21,935 crore

Total Aircraft: 56

First 16 aircraft to be delivered in fly-away condition from Spain.

Remaining 40 aircraft to be manufactured in India at Vadodara.

### **Why is it Important?**

Marks the first military transport aircraft to be manufactured in India's private sector.

Strengthens the Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives.

Enhances India's capability in military aircraft manufacturing.

Supports modernization of the Indian Air Force's transport fleet.

Expected to generate employment, technology transfer, and a domestic aerospace ecosystem.

### **Additional Key Facts:**

Tata-Airbus Final Assembly Line (FAL)

Located in Vadodara, Gujarat.

Inaugurated in October 2024 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez.

India's first private-sector military aircraft manufacturing facility.

Expected to become a major aerospace manufacturing hub.

### **Indian Air Force (IAF)**

Established: 8 October 1932

Headquarters: New Delhi

Chief of Air Staff: Amar Preet Singh

Motto: Nabhah Sparsham Deeptam ("Touch the Sky with Glory")

### **Make in India Initiative**

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Launched: 25 September 2014

**Objective:**

Promote domestic manufacturing

Increase investment

Enhance self-reliance

Generate employment

**Airbus**

Headquarters: Leiden

Major aerospace and defence company operating globally.

**Exam Focus Points (Quick Revision Notes):**

Aircraft in News ? Airbus C-295

Achievement ? First Made-in-India C-295 completed maiden test flight

Location ? Vadodara, Gujarat

Manufacturer ? Tata Advanced Systems Limited & Airbus

Total Aircraft Ordered ? 56

Aircraft to be Built in India ? 40

Contract Value ? ₹21,935 crore

Contract Signed ? 2021

Programme Objective ? Modernization of IAF transport fleet