



## India's First Overseas Defence Facility in Morocco

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The Defence Minister of India inaugurated **Tata Advanced Systems Limited's (TASL)** defence manufacturing facility in **Morocco** and signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on defence cooperation with Morocco**, marking a historic milestone in [India-Morocco defence ties](#).

- **Significance:** It is the first overseas defence facility **by an Indian private company**; largest defence manufacturing plant in Morocco.
  - The facility supports [India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat](#) and represents [India's Make in India, Make with Friends, Make for the World](#) strategy.
  - It strengthens India-Morocco strategic partnership, local capacity, and contributes to regional security.
  - Morocco's strategic location as **gateway to Africa** and **Europe** enhances export potential and bilateral defence cooperation.
- **Facility Purpose:** Production of **Wheeled Armoured Platform (WhAP) 8x8**, jointly designed by TASL and [Defence Research and Development Organisation \(DRDO\)](#).
  - The **WhAP** is an **indigenously developed modular combat vehicle** offering **advanced protection, mobility, and versatility**.
  - It can be configured as an **infantry fighting vehicle, reconnaissance vehicle, command post, mortar carrier, or ambulance**, with options for **remote weapon stations and anti-tank missiles**.

### Morocco

- It is a mountainous country in western North Africa, located across the **Strait of Gibraltar** from Spain.
- It is bordered by **Western Sahara (south)** and **Algeria (east)**, with coastlines on both the **Atlantic Ocean (west)** and **Mediterranean Sea (north)**, making it the **only African country with access to both**.
- Geographically, Morocco features the **High Atlas Mountains**. Its highest point is **Mount Toubkal**, which is also the tallest peak in the Atlas Mountains. The **Draa River** is the longest river in the country.



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