

# DRDO research centre to come up in Lucknow, says Rajnath Singh

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Rajnath Singh said.

‘City to get electric vehicle mfg unit too’

Further, an electric vehicle manufacturing unit costing about Rs 700 crore will be set up in the state capital. A memorandum for it has been signed by a Lucknow-based company with a South Korean electrical vehicle manufacturing company,” the Lucknow MP announced, addressing a huge gathering.

LUCKNOW: The city will soon get a research centre of Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and a manufacturing unit for electric vehicles.

This was announced by Lucknow MP and defence minister Rajnath Singh on Friday after he inaugurated the Tedhipulia flyover. Along with the flyover that cost Rs 96 crore, Rajnath also laid the foundation stone of the Rs 184-crore Khurramnagar flyover at a function held at mini-stadium in Vikasnagar.

“The DRDO lab costing Rs 78 crore will come up on a 36-acre land in the city. The process of land identification and acquisition is under way,”

“The DRDO research centre will not only provide numerous job opportunities for youngsters, but also aid our vision to achieve self-reliance in defence technologies and systems, besides equipping our armed forces with state-of-the-art weapon systems and equipment,” the minister added.

Chief minister Yogi Adityanath, Union road transport and MSME minister Nitin Gadkari, deputy chief ministers Dinesh Sharma and Keshav Prasad Maurya, mayor Sanyukta Bhatia and cabinet ministers Ashutosh Tandon, Siddharth Nath Singh and Mahendra Singh were also present on the occasion. Gadkari said about 21 road projects measuring 680km and costing Rs 7,250 crore will soon be initiated in UP. These projects include ring roads in Ayodhya, Gorakhpur, Kanpur and Bareilly and major roads in Pilibhit, Meerut, Shamli and Katra.

Gadkari added that his ministry is working on a plan to produce vehicle engines that run on ethanol instead of petrol and diesel, saving money on fossil fuel. He asked UP government to be a part of the initiative which will save up to Rs 2 lakh crore of UP's economy. The CM said the government is constructing a green corridor along both sides of the Gomti and assured full support of UP government in the initiatives taken by the Centre to provide world-class infrastructure in the state.