UP to excel in aerospace, defence sectors: Rajnath Singh

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LUCKNOW: Defence minister Rajnath Singh said on Saturday that more private companies will start investing in Lucknow and Uttar Pradesh, which will make a mark in defence and aerospace sector manufacturing.

After inaugurating the first private defence manufacturing facility in UP Defence Industrial Corridor, Singh said, "More companies will invest in Lucknow and UP, and the state will make a mark in defence and aerospace sector manufacturing." He also lauded CM Yogi Adityanath for important reforms and incentivizing investment.

"I believe more private companies will invest in UP and the government will provide all support. This investment will ensure that people will not have to leave their homes in search of employment." Singh exhorted the industry to focus on research and development and make full use of

government's policies to stay ahead in the race of developing state-of-the-art technology.

"I urge industry to make the local community a partner in their success by adopting ITI, schools, hospitals and starting apprenticeship programmes," he said.

"Adoption of technology is a must for being successful in today's competitive environment. PTC industry's integrated metal manufacturing facility will reduce the nation's dependence on imports and help in building Atmanirbhar Bharat," he added.

The facility, run by Aellroy Technologies, a subsidiary of PTC industries, will manufacture parts for aircraft and helicopter engines, drones, submarines, ultra-light artillery guns, space launch vehicles and strategy systems. Singh emphasized the need for continuous modernization of armed forces in the rapidly changing global security environment.

"The Indian defence industry has the potential to develop quality and cost-effective equipment which will bolster national security and can be exported," he said.

Reaffirming the resolve of 'Make in India and Make for the World', Singh listed the government's measures for self-reliance.