

'Def manufacturing holds key to future'

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Lucknow: While the upcoming Defence Corridor is set to become UP's pride, it is already the envy of neighbouring states, said Sunil Kumar Misra, principal advisor of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). He was speaking at The Times of India Destination Uttar Pradesh Conclave on Monday.

He is the director general of society of Indian Defence manufacturers (SIDM), which includes 514 private defence manufactures members such as Adani defence system, Tata advance system, Mahindra & Mahindra, Lucknow-based PTC industries which manufactures metal components for critical and super-critical applications for advance world's fastest supersonic cruise missile Brahmos and also ISRO rockets.

"There was opportunity knocking at the door for manufacturing of defence equipment, which was not encouraged in yesteryears for private sectors. UP is very lucky to have defence corridor along with Tamil Nadu. UP has historically industrial eco-system and mindset, therefore it has skilled manpower and academicians for research who would provide technical expertise and feed defence manufacturing industries," he said.

Speaking to TOI, he said, "Since 209 items identified by government of India for defence services cannot be imported, six nodes of UP defence corridor such as Aligarh and Lucknow which traditionally have expertise in metallurgy and forging will act as ancillary and feeder industries to make metal components for critical and super-critical applications of missile system and aerospace."

"Similarly, Agra and Kanpur have industries for leather, parachute, bullet proof jackets while Jhansi and Chitrakoot would be used for development and testing of ammunition and other equipment because it has a large open area," he said.