

BrahMos to display UP defence sector potential

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Lucknow: A life-size model of the supersonic cruise missile system, BrahMos will showcase UP's defence sector manufacturing potential before investors at the third groundbreaking ceremony on June 3.

Union defence minister Rajnath Singh and UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath had, on December 26, 2021, laid the foundation stone of the BrahMos Manufacturing Centre and the Defence Technology and Test Centre of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

“Brahmos is the pride of India and Lucknow will be home to its manufacturing soon. The missile will be displayed at the third groundbreaking ceremony venue to speak for our efforts in the sector,” said Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi, cabinet minister for industries and infrastructure

development, UP on Tuesday.

A defence ministry note on the BrahMos Manufacturing Centre described it to be a modern, state-of-the-art facility in the Lucknow node of Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC). It will be spread across nearly 200 acre and produce the new generation (NG) variant of the missile, which will be carrying forward the lineage of the BrahMos weapons system.

“This new variant will be smaller, lighter and smarter. It has been designed for deployment on a wider number of modern military platforms, including land, sea, underwater and air. It will hugely bolster the Indian military's modern combat capability and flexibility in the next few years,” Nandi said, adding that the manufacturing unit is expected to become functional over the next two to three years.

“Upon starting production, the centre will manufacture 80-100 missiles per year,” the minister said, adding that the Defence Technology and Test Centre coming up was also the first of its kind.