

# UPEIDA, IIT-K tie up for research in defence

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LUCKNOW: Keeping in mind that research is the backbone for any development, the UP Expressways and Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) joined hands with the IIT-Kanpur Research and Technology Park Foundation (Technopark@iitk) on Tuesday.

“The alliance aims to address the growing research and development requirements and opportunities in the domestic defence and aerospace ecosystem,” said UPEIDA CEO Awanish Kumar Awasthi.

Chief operating officer, Technopark@iitk, Reema Mittal said: “Growth of any ecosystem is not possible without industry joining hands with academia. Through this MoU, we will try and foster industry-academia collaboration by co-developing cutting-edge technologies and innovations in line with national priorities and knowledge-based wealth creation by

leveraging the core competence of IIT-Kanpur.”

Mittal said IIT-K was already handling several defence research projects and had best research facilities and environment besides working closely with industry players.

Meanwhile, over the years, UPEIDA has signed more than 85 industrial and institutional MoUs with private players who have pledged an investment of over Rs 9,000 crore for projects in the defence corridor.

Recently, the Adani group announced an investment of Rs 24,000 crore for development of South East Asia’s biggest state-of-the-art ammunition manufacturing complex near Kanpur.