

# Bid to improve services in defence nodes

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**Lucknow:** To make its land more attractive to investors, the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority is going to improve services and infrastructure to be provided in the Bundelkhand region.

During a recently concluded performance review meeting, it was found that businessmen and entrepreneurs coming forward to buy industrial land developed in Jhansi and Chitrakoot defence corridor nodes have demanded rationalisation of the rates or better services and offerings. The authority asked its internal costing committee to review the rates but found there was no scope to bring them down.

"Since we can't bring down the rates due to high acquisition and operational cost, we have decided to offer better quality services to industries that will come up in the region. Apart from developing infrastructure, we are going to provide space for recreational activities. Simple things such as parks with open gymnasium, canopy of trees and proper landscaping within the industrial blocks are being considered," said a senior officer from the authority.

To attract manufacturers active in the defence and aerospace sector, UP government introduced defence corridor three years back and delegated UPIEDA as the nodal agency to take things forward.

The authority has managed to acquire about 900 hectares in Jhansi and 100 hectares in Chitrakoot from local villagers and farmers for further development.