

# After Microsoft, French tech giant Thales in UP

## Firm's Noida Hub Pivotal To Def Corridor

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**Lucknow:** Four months after Microsoft set up its biggest north India hub in Uttar Pradesh, French technology giant Thales opened its state-of-the-art corporate office in Noida on Monday and is slated to play a pivotal role in the upcoming defence industrial corridor in the state.

MSME and export promotion minister Siddharth Nath Singh, who virtually

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- ▶ Tech giant Thales to play pivotal role in def corridor
- ▶ Thales & MKU Kanpur to manufacture night-vision radars for army
- ▶ French firm to develop tech, promote skill development in UP
- ▶ Thales takes forward MoU signed during Defence Expo

inaugurated Thales' new office, said, the global defence manufacturing giant has tied up with MKU Kanpur to produce night vision radars for the Indian army and has been manufacturing advanced devices for Rafale fighter jets.

The minister said, Thales' arrival in Uttar Pradesh confirms the state's immense potential for defence production and proves that global brands which would head south are now choosing UP as a major investment destination. "First, it was Microsoft and now Thales," said the minister.

The \$20bn French firm, which is working in the field of technology with Indian companies, including HAL, BHEL, L&T will contribute to digital identity and security business and support Uttar Pradesh in developing technology and promote local skill development, he further said.

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