

Defence industrial corridor development in full swing

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The development of the Defence Industrial Corridor is in full swing in Uttar Pradesh with around 90 per cent of the land having been acquired in all the nodes and different defence organisations working in collaboration with HAL and IIT, Kanpur.

The Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) has been named as the nodal agency for this work by the state government.

The UP Defence Industrial Corridor is being established in six districts of the state -- Lucknow, Kanpur Nagar, Agra, Aligarh, Jhansi and Chitrakoot. While in four nodes the land purchase or requisition process has started, in Jhansi, 94 per cent of the land has been selected, followed by 92 per cent in Chitrakoot and Aligarh and 81 per cent in Kanpur Nagar.

A defence industrial corridor is proposed to be set up in 3,525 hectares of land in Bundelkhand region. The entire land acquired for the defence corridor in Aligarh has been almost allotted by the UPEIDA to investors and the process of acquisition of additional land is in progress.

A government spokesman said that initially there was a plan to develop a defence park on 78 hectares of land.

He said the UPEIDA had signed MoUs with 25 companies to invest in Aligarh and a total investment of Rs 1,500 crore was proposed.