

Uttar Pradesh: Noida medical device park gets final shape

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LUCKNOW: As UP elections draw closer, Yogi Adityanath government is expediting various schemes and development works to bring them on the ground as early as possible. The latest project on the government's list is UP's first [medical device park](#) for which 350 acre land has been identified by the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA).

The park is estimated to draw an investment of whopping Rs 5,250 crore and is likely to provide jobs to over 20,000 people, once it gets operational. The park is touted to be UP's first and north India's biggest.

"The medical device park, which will have an incubation [centre](#) on a five-acre land, will prove to be a boon for startups. For the incubation centre, YEIDA has signed an MoU with IIT-Kanpur," a government spokesperson said.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has already written to the Central government to sanction one such park either in Noida or Lucknow. In the letter, the CM said that a medical park in Noida or Lucknow would be feasible in every way.

Pitching for Noida, the CM said the upcoming Jewar International Airport would give direct connectivity to the medical device park.

The CM requested the Centre to either sanction bulk drugs or medical device parks to UP. The reply from the central government is still awaited, sources said.

Though Indian medicine industry ranks third in the world, the country depends on other nations for raw material for several medicines. For some medicines, dependency is from 80-100%. Ever since the coronavirus pandemic hit the country, there has been a natural shortfall of raw material. It was after this that [Niti Aayog](#), [Union health ministry](#) and other departments concerned decided to make India 'atmanirbhar' (self-reliant) in this field and give impetus to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Make in India' dream. "YEIDA has allocated 350 acre land in Sector 28, Gautam Budh Nagar (Noida). The medical device park will come up in two phases," an official said.

Meanwhile, MSME minister Sidharth Nath Singh said, "The park is not an election stunt as out of the MoUs worth Rs 4.25 lakh crore already signed during the Investor Summit, projects worth around Rs 2 lakh crore are already seen on the ground. Based on this achievement, no one should have any doubt."