

BrahMos deterrent, India never been an aggressor: Rajnath

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LUCKNOW: Laying stress on the importance of deterrence, defence minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday said India is manufacturing BrahMos missiles not to attack anyone but to ensure that no country has the audacity to cast an evil eye on India.

After laying the foundation stone for Defence Technology & Test Centre and BrahMos Manufacturing Centre, established by the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO), in Lucknow, the defence minister said, "It has never been the character of India to attack any country or grab even an inch of land of any country. We want to manufacture BrahMos on Indian soil so that no country has the audacity to think of attacking India."

Congratulating the scientists and engineers of DRDO & BrahMos Aerospace, Singh exuded confidence that the two units would play a pivotal role in bolstering national security, defence production of UP. "The state-of-the-art facilities will prove to be an important milestone in the defence sector...", he said.

Praising chief minister Yogi Adityanath for expediting land acquisition for the project, Singh said, "When I spoke to Yogiji and expressed the desire to establish the BrahMos project, he did not take a second and said that land will be made available at the earliest..."