

# First board meeting of BIDA today to review land survey for industrial city

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**Lucknow:** The first board meeting of the newly constituted Bundelkhand Industrial Development Authority (BIDA) will be held in Jhansi on Thursday. BIDA chairperson Manoj Kumar Singh said that after land survey and rates are finalised in the meeting, land acquisition for the project should begin in another two weeks or so.

The formation of BIDA, modelled on the lines of NOIDA which was set up in 1976, was announced by the state government in September with the aim of developing the otherwise considered backward areas of Bundelkhand. BIDA is the first industrial authority set up in 47 years.

IAS Amrit Tripathi has been ap-

pointed the CEO of the authority and another 1,021 posts have been created. Singh said that of the 35,000 acres likely to be acquired for the project from 33 villages, survey of plots has been completed in 25 and the report will be presented in the Board meeting. The rate will be finalised in a similar process, after which acquisition should start in about two weeks.

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“Almost 20 officials from the department of revenue have been posted in BIDA on deputation. In the current financial year, a provision of Rs 5,000 crore in the form of a loan has been made under the Chief Mi-

nister Industrial Area Expansion and New Industrial Area Promotion Scheme. The money is with UPSIDA of which Rs 1,000 crore has already been transferred,” he said.

BIDA will be headquartered in Jhansi. When the project was announced, finance minister Suresh Khanna had said that in the first phase of the project, an industrial city will be established by acquiring 35,000 acres of land from 33 revenue villages in Jhansi. The price of this land is Rs 6,312 crore. Around 8,000 acres of this will be gram sabha land. “The area around Jhansi will be developed on a large scale. This industrial city is proposed on the Jhansi-Gwalior route, which will also be connected to major cities in the country through a National Highway,” Khanna had said.