

# Adani ammunition & missile units to celebrate spirit of Balakot strike

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**Lucknow:** The first unit of the Uttar Pradesh defence corridor, coming up in the form of Adani Ammunition Complex and Missiles complex in Kanpur node, will be dedicated to the brave warriors of Balakot strike, conducted as part of 'Operation Bandar' in response to the Pulwama attack that claimed the lives of 40 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) soldiers.

The twin units – that would be dedicated to the people during the fourth ground breaking ceremony (GBC 4.0) and are being projected as a symbol of India's journey towards self-reliance and technological prowess in defence – would be inaugurated on Feb 26, which coincides with the anniversary of the strategic air strike.

"The inauguration (of the

units) is a symbolic resonance and commemoration of the Balakot airstrike executed on Feb 26, 2019. It is a fitting tribute to the spirit of dedication and patriotism that Adani Defence and Aerospace embodies through its service to the nation," read the invitation of the event that will take place in the presence of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Spread across 202 hectares in Saadh area of Kanpur district along Ramaipur-Jahanaabad road, the facility will kickstart production of arms, ammunition, rocket and artillery shells from March.

Adani Group's Carroballista Systems Limited (CSL) would manufacture around a dozen types of guns with the Israeli firm Elbit System Israel, while Agneya Systems Limited (ASL) would manufac-

ture 40 types of ammunition and rocket systems with Armaco JSCO, a Bulgarian firm.

In 2022, the Uttar Pradesh Industrial Development Authority (UPIDA) had signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Adani Defence and Aerospace (ADA)

along with other firms to develop Kanpur as South Asia's largest manu-

facturing facility for arms and ammunition.

Subsequently, the Adani Defence System and Technologies Limited (ADSTL) laid the plan to develop four manufacturing units with state-of-the-art technology to build small and medium calibre ammunition, along with short-range air defence missiles. Thereafter, the company procured land and formed Carroballista Systems Limi-

ted (CSL) and Agneya Systems Limited (ASL). Through these units, the company would manufacture around a dozen types of guns (with the Israeli firm Elbit System) besides making 40 types of ammunition and rocket systems (with Bulgarian firm Armaco JSCO). The Adani unit will also manufacture light machine gun NEGEV, assault rifles ACE and TAVOR, 9mm pistol Masada, sub-machine gun Uzi, sniper rifles Galil and DAN, in collaboration with Israel Weapon Industries (IWI) at Saadh.

"The unit will be a key facilitator in India's goal of achieving US\$ 5 billion exports in defence manufacturing," said chairperson and CEO of Adani Defence and Aerospace Ashish Rajvanshi. He added that the company would put in Rs 2,100 crore and is expected to generate over 1,500 jobs in Kanpur.

