

Chitrakoot defence corridor node to create 15,000 job opportunities

Jhansi, Karwi Nodes Get Green Nod

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Lucknow: More than 15,000 people are expected to find employment in Karwi sub-division of Chitrakoot once the UP defence industrial corridor gets ready. \

Being developed as the largest defence sector oriented project, the expressways authority of UP has identified 102.43 hectare that is going to be developed to cater to manufacturers and companies active in

the defence sector. In a step forward UPEIDA (Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority) obtained environmental clearance for the project recently.

Obtaining clearance from the state environment impact assessment authority was crucial as in February clearance for the Jhansi node of the project, spanning over 1077 hectare, had been secured. "It will be possible to start work and create the defence corridor in the Bundelkhand region simultaneously and will be cost effective for us," said a senior officer from the authority.

Land systems, all calibre weapon manufacturers, explosives, battle tanks, specially armoured vehicles, helicopters, unmanned aeri-

al system, drones, courier drones, special vehicles, motors, engines, metallic components, robotics, electronics, firing ranges, testing ranges, missiles and components, satellite components, electronic warfare systems are among the proposed industries that would be established under the defence corridor projects in Jhansi and Chitrakoot.

Meanwhile, besides a slew of incentives that are on offer to manufacturers and entrepreneurs who show interest in setting up a unit in the defence corridor, UPEIDA is allowing floor area ratio of 1. However only 55% of the ground coverage would be possible while planning the unit.

It is estimated that at Jhansi no-

de close to 1.70 lakh individuals would get employment through Jhansi, while another 15,200 jobs will be created in Chitrakoot once the units get operational.

Union govt during 2018-19 financial year had announced the need to create two defence corridors in the country to achieve growth of Indian companies in the global defence market. Agreements and understanding have been fostered to ensure Indian Navy and Indian Air Force to facilitate integration of the manufacturing units directly with the end-users. Moreover centres of excellence have been established in IIT Kanpur and IIT BHU to strengthen the research and development of the companies taking up land in the UP defence corridor.