

Industrial Corridor in Gkp to transform barren land into economic hub

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The barren land of Dhuriyapar in Gorakhpur is poised to transform into a thriving industrial hub. The proposed Dhuriyapar Industrial Corridor, spanning 5,500 acres, is being developed into Purvanchal's largest industrial land bank.

As part of this initiative, 500 acres of land across 17 villages have already been acquired. The corridor is envisioned as an electronics manufacturing cluster and a network for large-scale industries.

Strategically connected to the Gorakhpur Link Expressway, it will also benefit from planned rail connectivity, positioning it as a key industrial hub in the region.

The Gorakhpur Industrial Development Authority (GIDA) has expedited the procedural work to bring the Dhuriyapar Industrial Corridor to life, in line with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's vision.

The first phase of this project will begin soon, with plans to acquire approximately 1,600 acres of land in the villages of Sakardeiya, Harpur, and Kashtakaashi Nayak, of which 500 acres have already been acquired.

The government has conceptualised the Dhuriyapar Industrial Corridor as part of the Greater GIDA initiative, following the principle that

fertile lands yield crops, while barren lands should generate employment through industries. The 17 villages where land is being acquired largely consist of fallow, infertile land that was previously unproductive for farming.

Now, this land is set to become a hub of industrial activity, bringing prosperity to farmers through significant monetary compensation.

The corridor's blueprint has been finalised, inspired by the growing interest of domestic and international investors in Gorakhpur over the past seven years. Once approved by the government, the master plan will be implemented, turning barren land into a thriving industrial hub.

Farmers will not only receive full value for their land but will also witness the barren fields transform into a source of employment and economic growth, symbolising the region's leap towards industrial development and prosperity. The industrial corridor is set to be developed in phases to become a major economic hub. As per the master plan, 32.04% of the area is designated for industrial use, 19.39% for residential purposes, 6.51% for public and semi-public (PSP) facilities, 4.21% for commercial activities, 15.70% for green and open spaces, 2.32% for mixed use, and 4.17% for transport infrastructure.

GIDA Chief Executive Officer

(CEO) Anuj Malik stated that land acquisition for the project is progressing swiftly.

"So far, 500 acres of land have been acquired, and efforts to secure the remaining parcels are ongoing," he said.

Malik emphasised that once realised, the Dhuriyapar Industrial Corridor will be a transformative project, positioning Dakshinanchal of Gorakhpur, including Dhuriyapar, as a key industrial hub.

Previously considered a backward region, Dhuriyapar is now poised to be recognised as the gateway to Gorakhpur's new industrial frontier. With increasing interest from both domestic and international investors over the past seven years, the government is planning to incorporate Dhuriyapar into the Greater GIDA framework. This initiative will not only drive industrial growth but also create substantial employment opportunities, fostering economic prosperity and a brighter future for the region.

The Dhuriyapar Industrial Corridor is strategically located, offering excellent road and rail connectivity that will significantly benefit industries in the region. The area is directly connected to the Gorakhpur Link Expressway, ensuring seamless road transportation. Additionally, the proposed new rail line from Sahajanwa to Dohrighat will pass through

the corridor, making it a key logistical hub.

To further support industrial operations, plans include provisions for separate railway sidings for large-scale industries. This will facilitate the efficient transportation of raw materials and finished goods, enhancing operational convenience and reducing costs.

The Yogi government is taking significant steps to drive industrial development in Gorakhpur's Dakshinanchal region, particularly in Dhuriyapar. Part of the transformation has already begun, with Indian Oil setting up a compressed biogas plant in a section of the long-defunct sugar mill in Dhuriyapar. This initiative is just the beginning, as the proposed Dhuriyapar Industrial Corridor is set to bring a complete makeover to the area. Once operational, the industrial corridor is expected to generate employment for over 10,000 people, creating a wave of economic activity.

According to Malik, the Dhuriyapar Industrial Corridor is already attracting substantial investments.

The Adani Group and JK Group have each requested 65 and 50 acres of land, respectively, to establish cement factories within the Dhuriyapar Industrial Corridor. Additionally, several other industrial groups have expressed keen interest in investing in the area.