

Kanpur emerges as leading investment centre in UP

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The Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC) has become a key hub for India's defence and aerospace industries.

Launched in 2018 by the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA), UPDIC was created to boost the country's ability to manufacture defence equipment and strengthen its aerospace sector. It covers six important locations -- Kanpur, Jhansi, Lucknow, Aligarh, Agra, and Chitrakoot -- helping Uttar Pradesh emerge as a leader in defence manufacturing.

Among the six nodes, Kanpur has emerged as the leading zone for defence investments, with a few companies already starting production.

As per the latest progress report by UPEIDA on UPDIC, investment proposals worth Rs 12,803.58 crore have been received for the Kanpur node,

while 210.60 hectares of land have been allocated to industries out of a total of 222.86 hectares procured.

Key institutions such as IIT Kanpur and IIT (BHU) Varanasi have been designated as Centres of Excellence, further strengthened by the Ministry of Defence's Rs 400 crore Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme, promoting innovation and enhancing quality standards.

Abhishek Prakash, CEO of Invest UP, stated here on Wednesday that, "The Kanpur Node is propelling Uttar Pradesh's economic growth to new heights by emerging as a pivotal component of the state's Defence Industrial Corridor. This development not only enriches the region but also significantly contributes to India's goal of self-reliance in the defence sector. By harnessing its capabilities, the Kanpur Node is positioning Uttar Pradesh as a leading hub for defence manufacturing in the nation, aligning with the vision of



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ji to create a USD 1 trillion economy."

Adani Defence Systems and Technologies Limited invested Rs 1,500 crore to establish one of South Asia's largest integrated ammunition manufacturing complexes. Spread over 500 acres, this facility produces a wide range of small, medium, and large calibre ammunition for the armed forces, paramilitary, and police. Impressively, production began within just 18

months of land allotment, with the facility significantly reducing India's dependency on imports.

Delta Combat Systems Ltd has secured land allotment to set up a small arms and ammunition manufacturing unit with an investment of Rs 150 crore.

Kanpur's position as the leading node in the UPDIC is further reinforced by the presence of cutting-edge infrastructure, world-class institutions, and strong indus-

try interest, all working together to establish Uttar Pradesh as a pivotal player in India's defence manufacturing sector.

Several companies have expressed interest in the Kanpur node of the UPDIC, with projects under evaluation and MoUs in the pipeline.

Genser Aerospace & IT Pvt Ltd has proposed an investment of Rs 3,000 crore to establish an indigenous facility for the development of a 2+7-seater Light Business Jet.

Adani Defence Systems and Technologies Limited has proposed an additional investment of Rs 2,500 crore to set up a propellant manufacturing complex in Kanpur.

Ananth Technologies, a leading defence manufacturer, will invest Rs 2,000 crore to manufacture GEO satellites. They have also proposed an additional Rs 1,500 crore investment for a LEO satellite manufacturing unit. (representational image)