

# Defence conclave explores startup, MSME boost in UP

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**Lucknow:** FICCI, in collaboration with the department of defence production of the Union ministry of defence and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, hosted the 'Defence MSME Conclave' in Lucknow. The event was held under the ministry of defence scheme for promotion of MSMEs. The theme of the conclave was 'Enhancing regional capabilities through MSME defence cluster development in Uttar Pradesh'. The conclave brought together key govt stakeholders to explore opportunities for startups and MSMEs to integrate into the defence manufacturing supply chain. Discussions were held to address financial and policy incentives, along with govt-led initiatives to enable MSMEs to contribute actively to the defence R&D and manufacturing ecosystem. TNN