

Giant leap for UP as BrahMos unit opens on May 11

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Lucknow: In a proud achievement for the state, production of world's most powerful supersonic cruise missile, BrahMos, is set to begin in Lucknow. On May 11, BrahMos missile manufacturing unit will be inaugurated officially. It is being set up with a Rs 300-crore investment by BrahMos Aerospace. In Dec 2021, UP govt provided 80 hectares land free of cost. From construction to production, getting the plant ready in three and a half years reflects the state's strong commitment to nation building.

ACEO of Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA), Shrihari Pratap Shahi, said state govt not only provided free land for the BrahMos project, it also monitored closely progress of the project, enabling its completion within three and a half years. Lucknow node will also produce other defence equipment, giving the city and the state a new identity in the defence sector. The BrahMos project will also provide opportunities to existing aerospace companies in UP based on their work and experience. New technology for machi-



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nery and testing will also be developed. Around 500 engineers and technicians will get direct employment. In addition, thousands of skilled, semi-skilled, and general workers will get indirect employment opportunities. Many people will also get jobs in industries that support this unit. BrahMos Aerospace was set up with 50.5% Indian and 49.5% Russian ownership, and it is the first defence joint venture of its kind established by Govt of India with a foreign govt. BrahMos Aerospace is responsible for design, development, production and marketing of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile, with strong contributions from India and Russian.