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# UPEIDA to enforce norms in Defence Corridor, logistic clusters

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**LUCKNOW :** Ensuring compliance of environment norms in the Defence Corridor and Industrial Manufacturing Logistics Cluster across the state is on the priority list of the state government.

The initiative has been implemented for projects under the Defence Industrial Corridor and the Industrial Manufacturing and Logistics Cluster (IMLC), said the Uttar Pradesh Expressway Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) on Monday.

According to UPEIDA, the process will soon begin at sites that have received environmental clearance.

The UPEIDA has received environmental clearance in Aligarh, Kanpur Nagar, Lucknow, Chitrakoot, and Jhansi, where land acquisition and development work for the Defence Industrial Corridor is currently underway.

Henceforth, environmental conditions in these areas will be

regularly monitored. Every six months, accredited labs will conduct sampling, field inspections, and collect inputs from officials concerned to prepare detailed compliance reports.

The report will contain details of the status of major environmental components such as air, water, noise, soil.

The reports will also be submitted online to the authorities responsible for environmental clearance, including the State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) and the Union Ministry of Environment.

Meanwhile, environmental clearance for Agra and Unnao is in its final stages. Once approved, development work in these districts will begin as well.

The accredited labs will not only monitor environmental parameters, but also prepare reports in the prescribed format and upload them online to ensure transparency and promote sustainable industrial development.

The system adopted by the UPEIDA is set to become a model for industries being developed under the Industrial Corridor across the state.