

Major Defence Firms Commence Operations in UP Defence Corridor, Driving 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' in Defence Manufacturing

- *Seven Key Units Begin Operations in UP Corridor, Driving Industrial Growth*
- *Kanpur, Aligarh, and Lucknow Emerge as Key Nodes with High-Value Investments*

Lucknow, 19 June 2025: The Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC), established in 2018 and developed by the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA), is rapidly emerging as a cornerstone of India's defence and aerospace manufacturing ecosystem. Spanning six strategic nodes—Kanpur, Jhansi, Lucknow, Aligarh, Agra, and Chitrakoot—the corridor is driving robust investments and positioning Uttar Pradesh as a rising force in both national and global defence manufacturing.

According to the latest UPEIDA progress report on UPDIC, leading defence manufacturing firms have commenced commercial production, advancing India's mission of defence indigenization and self-reliance.

With investments worth ₹28,809 crore proposed across these nodes, the UP Defence Industrial Corridor is gaining significant momentum. Land has been allotted to nearly 47 companies, many of which have begun construction, while seven units are fully operational, marking the corridor's swift emergence as a hub of cutting-edge manufacturing and strategic excellence. Meanwhile, execution of lease deeds is under process for approximately 10 more companies.

Notably, Adani Defence Systems and Technologies Ltd. has started operations at its ₹1,500 crore ammunition manufacturing facility in Kanpur—the corridor's largest investment to date. This state-of-the-art facility is poised to set new national benchmarks in ammunition production.

In Aligarh, Amitec Electronics Ltd. has begun producing advanced electronic warfare systems and satellite technology, following an investment of ₹330 crore. Also in Aligarh, Werywin Defence Pvt Ltd. has launched manufacturing of small arms with a ₹65 crore investment.

Lucknow is witnessing growth in advanced materials and missile systems. Aerolloy Technologies, with a ₹320 crore investment, has started titanium casting operations. DRDO's BrahMos Aerospace has commenced production and assembly of the BrahMos NG missile system at its ₹300 crore facility.

Further boosting the Kanpur's industrial momentum, A R Polymers Pvt Ltd. has begun production of ballistic materials and safety gear with a ₹48 crore investment. Additionally, Adhunik Materials and Sciences Pvt Ltd. has started manufacturing defence textiles with ₹38.58 crore investment.

It may be noted that Hon'ble Prime Minister had announced two defence corridors, one each in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu in 2018 to boost indigenous defence manufacturing and reduce reliance on imports and boost exports. Especially in Uttar Pradesh, facilities like assured power, water, expressway connectivity, and single-window clearances make it easier for industries to set up operations.

In addition to indigenous manufacturing of defence products, UPDIC is not only generating direct and indirect employment along with skill development aligned with global aerospace and defence standards. Moreover, with largest Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) base in the state, the corridor is further fostering ancillarisation to empower MSMEs and startups to become part of the defence supply chain.
