

# UP playing vital role in defence production, says Adityanath

Defence minister, CM inaugurate drone manufacturing unit, aerospace test facility in Gautam Buddha Nagar

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**LUCKNOW:** Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday highlighted Uttar Pradesh's growing role in the defence sector, asserting that six nodes of the defence industrial corridor in the state are being developed on over 12,500 acres.

Adityanath made the comments as defence minister Rajnath Singh, along with him, inaugurated a defence equipment and drone manufacturing unit, aircraft engine, and defence aerospace test facility at Gautam Buddha Nagar, said a press statement issued by state government.

Asserting that the state has nine operational ordnance factories and several defence public sector undertakings, the chief minister noted that under PM Modi and defence minister Rajnath Singh's guidance, two new defence manufacturing centres have been sanctioned, one of them in UP.

He also thanked the defence minister for bringing the BrahMos missile-manufacturing facility to Lucknow, adding that the missile system "displayed



Defence minister Rajnath Singh and chief minister Yogi Adityanath during the inauguration of the defence equipment and engine test facility, in Gautam Buddha Nagar on Saturday. ANI

its might" during Operation Sindoor.

"Lucknow's smile was incomplete until the echo of the missile reached the enemy's ears. In Operation Sindoor, BrahMos showcased its capability."

Calling the Gautam Buddha Nagar project a milestone in shaping Noida into a defence hub, Yogi said: "A nation becomes strong only by striking a balance between 'shastra' (arms) and 'shastra' (scriptural knowledge), and Uttar Pradesh is playing a leading role in defence production."

"India has faced challenges since 1947, and the nature of those challenges keeps evol-

ing. If you have power, the world bows before you. This ancient concept remains relevant today," the chief minister said.

"The new facilities, including advanced drone manufacturing, would boost national security against electronic warfare, ensuring India no longer remains dependent on foreign powers," the CM said.

He recalled India's changing warfare patterns since Independence, citing Operation Sindoor as a turning point that showcased India's strength and underlined the need to prepare for future challenges.

Quoting Guru Dronacharya

CM's aerial survey of flood-hit areas in Ghazipur

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**VARANASI:** Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday conducted an aerial survey of flood-affected areas in Ghazipur after visiting Varanasi and instructed officials to ensure relief measures reach all affected people.

He directed divisional and district authorities to stay on alert and make timely arrangements for food, water, health services, and shelter. The CM also asked officials to give special attention to cattle feed, clean drinking water, and medical supplies, with an adequate stock of medicines, anti-snake venom, and anti-rabies vaccines in flood-hit villages.

and Maharana Pratap, he emphasised that peace is secured only through strength: "When the nation is protected with shastra, only then can shastra flourish."

He cited other projects such as the DDL centre in Jhansi, AK-203 unit in Amethi, and Escort facility in Hardoi.