## Rajnath Singh, Yogi Adityanath inaugurate defence equipment and drone manufacturing unit in Noida

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday inaugurated the Raphe mPhibr Drone Manufacturing Unit and Defence Equipment and Engine Test Facility in Noida.

Taking a significant leap towards realising the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat in the defence sector, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday inaugurated the defence equipment and drone manufacturing unit, aircraft engine, and

country's largest <u>aero engine test bed</u>, built by <u>Raphe mPhibr Pvt. Ltd.</u> in Gautam Buddh Nagar.

Describing the milestone as part of India's "new technological revolution," the Defence Minister praised the efforts of the company's founders, Vishal Mishra and Vivek Mishra. "In my six years as Defence Minister, I have not seen young people build such a large and innovative establishment. The youth are not just creating companies but shaping a new vision for the defence sector. Today, when Indian drones fly, neither the U.S. nor China will be able to detect them—this is a significant achievement," he said.

Singh underlined the growing importance of drone technology in modern warfare, citing the Russia-Ukraine conflict as an example. "Drones are now a crucial part of defence policy, and India is designing and manufacturing them domestically," he said. He added that self-reliance forms the foundation of India's defence strength, recalling the nation's determination from the Pokhran nuclear tests to the present day.

Calling the startup's achievements a "scientific revolution," the Defence Minister highlighted the global divide in technology and urged India to remain ahead in innovation. Raphe mPhibr, which began in 2017 with just 10 people, now employs over 600 scientists and engineers and is expected to generate more than 5,000 jobs in Uttar Pradesh. In collaboration with <u>DRDO</u>, the company has developed three products in just 14 months that were deployed in <u>Operation Sindoor</u>.