

UP defence corridor attracts ₹33,896 cr investment pledges

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Launched in 2018 and developed by the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA), the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC) is fast emerging as a pillar of India's defence and aerospace ambitions.

With six strategically located nodes ~ Kanpur, Jhansi, Lucknow, Aligarh, Agra, and Chitrakoot ~ the corridor is attracting record investments and transforming Uttar Pradesh into a powerhouse of indigenous manufacturing, innovation, and global defence integration.

According to UPEIDA's latest progress report here on Tuesday, the UPDIC has received investment proposals



worth Rs 33,896.16 crore. Of the 2,040 hectares of land procured for the project so far, 977.54 hectares have been allotted to industries.

Currently, 62 companies have been allocated land across six nodes for defence and allied manufacturing.

Among these, nine units are already operational, underscoring the corridor's

rapid emergence as a hub of cutting-edge manufacturing and strategic excellence. Leading defence firms have commenced commercial production, furthering India's mission of indigenisation and self-reliance in defence. Additionally, lease deed execution is underway for approximately 10 more companies.

Officials here on Tuesday confirmed that investments across the nodes include Rs 1,283 crore in Kanpur, Rs 11,276 crore in Jhansi, Rs 4,850 crore in Lucknow, Rs 3,872 crore in Aligarh, Rs 530 crore in Chitrakoot, and Rs 407 crore in Agra.

Several leading companies have commenced commercial production within the corridor. Adani Defence Systems and Technologies Ltd has begun operations at its Rs 1,500 crore ammunition manufacturing facility in Kanpur ~ the corridor's largest investment to date. This state-of-the-art unit is set to establish new national benchmarks in ammunition production.

In Aligarh, Amitec Electronics Ltd. has started manufacturing advanced electronic warfare systems

and satellite technology following a Rs 330 crore investment. Werywin Defence Pvt Ltd. has launched small arms production with a Rs 65 crore investment, while Nitya Creations India Pvt Ltd has begun producing precision arms components with an investment of Rs 12 crore.

Lucknow is emerging as a hub for advanced materials and missile systems. Aerolloy Technologies has initiated titanium casting operations with a Rs 320 crore investment. DRDO's BrahMos Aerospace has started production and assembly of the BrahMos NG missile system at its Rs 300 crore facility.

Sankalp Safety Solutions has commenced manufacturing safety equipment and woven fabrics with Rs 14 crore investment.