

Defence corridor in state surges with ₹33k cr investments

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Lucknow: Spearheaded by the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA), the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC) has attracted investment proposals worth Rs 33,896.16 crore, marking a significant leap in India's journey toward defence self-reliance.

Spread across six strategic nodes—Kanpur, Jhansi, Lucknow, Aligarh, Agra and Chitrakoot—the corridor is witness

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ing accelerated industrial activity. Of the 2,040 hectares land acquired, 977.54 hectares has already been allotted to 62 companies engaged in defence and allied manufacturing. Notably, nine units have commenced operations, showcasing the corridor's emergence as a hub of advanced production and innovation. Among the standout developments is Adani Defence Systems and Technologies Ltd, which has begun operations at its Rs 1,500 crore ammunition manufacturing facility in Kanpur—the largest investment in the corridor to date. This cutting-edge plant is poi-

sed to set new benchmarks in indigenous ammunition production.

Jhansi leads the investment tally with Rs 11,276 crore, followed by Lucknow with Rs 4,850 crore and Kanpur with Rs 1,283 crore. Other nodes have also seen significant inflows: Rs 3,872 crore in Aligarh, Rs 530 crore in Chitrakoot and Rs 407 crore in Agra. In Aligarh, Amitec Electronics Ltd has started producing electronic warfare systems and satellite technology with Rs 330 crore investment. Werywin Defence Pvt Ltd and Nitya Creations India Pvt Ltd have launched small arms and precision components manufacturing, respectively. Lucknow is emerging as hub for missile systems and advanced materials. Aerolloy Technologies has begun titanium casting operations with Rs 320 crore investment, while BrahMos Aerospace, a DRDO initiative, has started assembling the missile system at its Rs 300-crore facility.

“The UPDIC's plug-and-play infrastructure, expressway connectivity, and single-window clearances have made it a magnet for defence investments,” said an official source.