

UP Defence Corridor Powers Ahead with ₹33,896 Crore Investments, Cementing India's Strategic Manufacturing Base

- *Nine Key Units Begin Operations in UP Defence Corridor, Accelerating Industrial Growth*
- *Kanpur, Jhansi, and Lucknow Emerge as Key Nodes with High-Value Investments*

Lucknow, 23 September, 2025: 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, the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC) has received investment proposals worth **₹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 indigenization and self-reliance in defence. Additionally, lease deed execution is underway for approximately 10 more companies.

Investments across the nodes include ₹1,283 crore in Kanpur, ₹11,276 crore in Jhansi, ₹4,850 crore in Lucknow, ₹3,872 crore in Aligarh, ₹530 crore in Chitrakoot, and ₹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 ₹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 ₹330 crore investment. Werywin Defence Pvt Ltd. has launched small arms production with a ₹65 crore investment, while Nitya Creations India Pvt Ltd has begun producing precision arms components with an investment of ₹12 crore.

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

NG missile system at its ₹300 crore facility. Sankalp Safety Solutions has commenced manufacturing safety equipment and woven fabrics with ₹14 crore investment.

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

Announced in 2018 by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC) is accelerating India's defence self-reliance. With plug-and-play infrastructure, expressway connectivity, and single-window clearances, UPDIC enables swift industrial setup. Beyond manufacturing, it drives employment, skill development, and ancillarisation—leveraging UP's vast MSME ecosystem to integrate startups into the global defence supply chain. The corridor is emerging as a strategic hub for cutting-edge production, innovation, and export-oriented growth in aerospace and defence.
