

BIDA completes 50% land acquisition work in just 2 yrs

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Lucknow: With Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath directing officials to complete land acquisition work for the newly formed Bundelkhand Industrial Development Authority (BIDA) in six months and more than 50% of the needed land already acquired, it would be the fastest land acquisition for any such authority.

Interestingly, Noida, which was established on April 17, 1976, carried on with land acquisition until 2000. BIDA on the other hand came into existence in Sept 2023 and has acquired over 22,000 acres of land in just two years.

Of the total around 56,000 acres of land earmarked to be acquired for BIDA, around 45,000 acres of land is expected to be purchased, director, land acquisition, Lal Krishna, who is also the OSD, BIDA, told TOI. The first land purchase under BIDA was initiated in Feb 2024, the BIDA OSD said.

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vernment land, whose acquisition is expected to be hassle-free.

The BIDA has until now spent Rs 3,200 crore on land acquisition with a total of Rs 8,900 crore earmarked for the complete work.

It would be much bigger in size than Noida, which came up over 32,000 acres of land.

The land being acquired for the prestigious new industrial city is being carved out mostly out of Jhansi Sadar block.

The first BIDA master plan has been approved by the authority board and is waiting for cabinet nod, officials told TOI.

Among the salient featu-

res to start with, BIDA plans to come up with an activation area of 1000 acres. The activation area primarily will have industrial, educational and commercial land allotments marking the start of setting up of another industrial development authority after Noida, Greater Noida and YEIDA.

The activation area allotment is expected to begin from April next year, officials in BIDA said and added that since the acquisition of land is likely to complete in six months as directed by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the much of the BIDA is expected to take shape in next 3 to 4 years from now.

BIDA officials told TOI that the DPR for the activation area is under preparation and is expected to be completed soon.

The activation area, in a bid to encourage investors, is expected to have incentives including a rebate on stamp duty and even on land costs.

Like Noida, the BIDA is expected to change the economy of the state in general and the backward Bundelkhand region in particular.