

₹34,000 cr investment powers growth of UP Defence Industrial Corridor

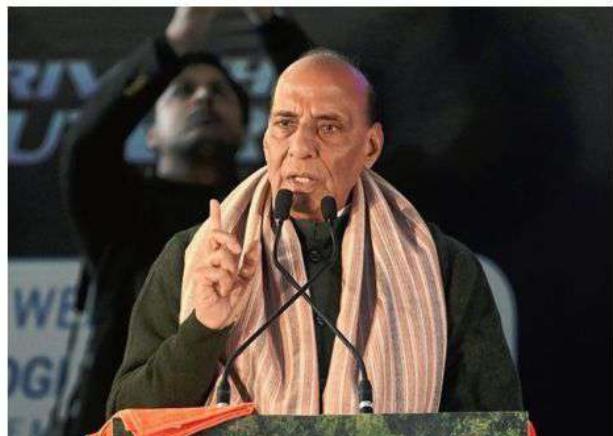
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The Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC) has attracted investments in excess of ₹34,000 crore across its six nodes, emerging as a major hub for defence manufacturing, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said in Lucknow on Friday while inaugurating Ashok Leyland's electric vehicle (EV) plant. "I have been told that investments worth around ₹34,000 crore have been made in these defence corridor nodes," Singh said.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Ashok Leyland top brass were present at the ceremony.

Referring to the Uttar Pradesh Aerospace and Defence Unit and Employment Promotion Policy, Singh, who is also an MP from Lucknow, said that the State is being curated to emerge as a major centre for large-scale defence



Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh speaking in Lucknow on Friday SANDEEP SAXENA

production. Uttar Pradesh is the second State to come out with a dedicated and structured defence industry policy incentivising and promoting the participation of private sector, as per the UPDIC.

In 2018, the State first came up with the Uttar Pradesh Defence & Aerospace Unit and Employment promotion Policy, which was

successively revised in 2025 as the UP Aerospace & Defence Unit and Employment Promotion Policy, 2024.

INVESTMENTS MADE

Of the over ₹34,000 crore committed investment, ₹12,000 crore has been realised on the ground. As many as 62 industries and other defence entities have been allotted land across the six

nodes — Lucknow, Kanpur, Jhansi, Agra, Aligarh and Chitrakoot — to begin production and testing facilities.

Nine companies have already started to manufacture arms, ammunitions, aircraft equipment, super alloys, soldier support systems like helmet, bullet proof jackets, and surveillance equipment, Col (retd) Sanjay Singh, Chief General Manager of UPDIC, told *business-line*.

They are BrahMos Aerospace Pvt Ltd, Adani Defence and Aerospace, Aeroloy Technologies Ltd, Werywin Defence Ltd, Nitya Creations, Sankalp Safety, AR Polymers and Adhunik Metal, and Amitec Electronics Ltd, he elaborated.

THREE FACILITIES

The growing defence industrial complex is also visible in the three facilities coming up under Defence Testing Infrastructure Schemes, for which the Ministry of Defence has given a grant of ₹117 crore to the UPDIC for testing and certifying military products.

While two facilities are coming up in Kanpur — Unmanned Aerial Systems Testing Foundation (UASTF) at a cost of ₹ 45 crore and Communication Testing (CDTF) which is worth ₹ 31.36 crore — the third one is at Lucknow, Material and Mechanical Testing Facility (AM-MTF) with an investment of ₹ 40.70 crore, the Chief General Manager of UPDIC stated.

"This allocation demonstrates a strategic investment in essential testing infrastructure across various areas, reinforcing the commitment to advancing defence capabilities", he observed. The UP government is providing major incentives to attract investment through the revised defence policy bringing under its ambit the eastern side of the State too which were not covered earlier, besides the six nodes.