

UPEIDA to pitch 10 new eways at trade show

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Lucknow: The Uttar Pradesh Expressway Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) will showcase the state's plans to build 10 new expressways, extending high-speed connectivity to 23 more districts, at the UP International Trade Show in Greater Noida from Sept 25 to 29.

At present, five operational expressways developed by UPEIDA cover 35 districts across the state.

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At the event, Uttar Pradesh will pitch a new investment narrative focused on world-class connectivity, defence manufacturing and industrial infrastructure.

A key focus will be the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC), one of the country's most ambitious defence manufacturing projects. Spread across six nodes — Lucknow, Kanpur, Jhansi, Agra, Aligarh and Chitrakoot — the corridor is being linked through expressways and national highways to create an integrated defence production ecosystem.

The corridor has already attracted major defence sector players, including Bharat Dynamics Ltd and BrahMos Aerospace.

UPEIDA will also highlight its proposal to develop 27 Integrated Manufacturing and Logistics Clusters (IMLCs) along expressway corridors in 26 districts. These clusters are envisaged as hubs for manufacturing, warehousing and logistics operations, leveraging seamless connectivity to reduce transportation costs and improve supply-chain efficiency.