

UP Defence Corridor emerges as strategic hub: ₹39,571 Cr investment, nine units operational

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The Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC), launched in 2018 and strategically developed by Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA), is rapidly emerging as one of the nation's most significant defence manufacturing ecosystems. Armed with investment proposals worth ₹39,571.09 crore, the corridor is doing much more than just strengthening India's vision of Atmanirbharta (self-reliance) in defence production. Crucially, UPDIC is playing

a pivotal role in contributing to the grand vision of making Uttar Pradesh a \$1 trillion economy, while simultaneously transforming the state into a powerhouse of high-skilled employment and cutting-edge industrial growth. Spread across six strategic nodes—Kanpur, Jhansi, Lucknow, Aligarh, Agra and Chitrakoot, the corridor has witnessed remarkable progress as per the UPDIC latest report. Of the 2,095 hectares of land acquired for the project, 1,141.79 hectares have already been allotted to industries. Officials here on Tuesday confirmed that so far, 65 companies have secured land



to establish defence and allied manufacturing facilities, reflecting growing investor confidence in Uttar Pradesh's industrial ecosystem. "Projects worth nearly ₹13,486 crore have already been laid,

with the potential to generate around 15,300 jobs while significantly strengthening the state's defence manufacturing capabilities," said Colonel Sanjay Singh, Chief General Manager, Uttar Pradesh Defence

Industrial Corridor, UPEIDA. The investment momentum is led by Kanpur with ₹12,948 crore, followed by Jhansi (₹12,190 crore), Lucknow (₹4,850.67 crore), Aligarh (₹4,581 crore), Chitrakoot (₹4,392 crore) and Agra (₹607 crore), underscoring balanced industrial development across the corridor. The corridor has also entered a new phase of industrial operations, with nine manufacturing units already functional—three each in Kanpur, Lucknow and Aligarh—signalling the transition from planning to production. Among the flagship investments, Adani Defence

Systems and Technologies Ltd. has commenced operations at its ₹1,500 crore ammunition manufacturing facility in Kanpur, the largest investment in the corridor to date. The facility is expected to significantly enhance India's ammunition manufacturing capacity. In Aligarh, Werywin Defence Pvt. Ltd. has started production of small arms with an investment of ₹65 crore, while Nitya Creations India Pvt. Ltd. is manufacturing precision arms components with an investment of ₹12 crore, and Shridha Udyog manufacturing precision components with Rs 3.7 Cr investment.

