

Yogi reviews Japanese agri-tech, indigenous defence innovations

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Lucknow: Japanese technology and indigenous innovation were in focus at the UP-Japan Investment Meet 2026 exhibition on Friday as chief minister Yogi Adityanath reviewed advanced solutions for agriculture, construction, aerospace and defence. Adityanath toured the display area, interacted with company representatives and examined products being adapted for Indian conditions.

Among the headline exhibits were Maraal Aerospace's Tejasvaan UAV, Escorts Kubota's agricultural and construction equipment range, the Divyastra Mk-1 loitering munition platform and MKU's ballistic protection systems. Exhibitors said the showcase reflected growing collaboration between Japanese manufacturers and Uttar Pradesh's expanding industrial ecosystem.

Escorts Kubota, which has announced plans to invest more than Rs 2,000 crore in the state, presented Japanese-origin technologies for farming and infrastructure work. The company has acquired 154 acres on a 90-year lease for a proposed tractor, construction equipment and parts centre, to be developed in phases over seven years. The display featured a combine harvester priced at about Rs 27 lakh and a rice transplanter costing Rs 14 lakh. Product manager Atsuya Ota said the investment



Assembly Speaker Satish Mahana with a member of Japanese team

would deepen Escorts Kubota's manufacturing footprint in Uttar Pradesh.

Indigenous deep-tech drew attention with IIT Kanpur-incubated Maraal Aerospace presenting Tejasvaan, a UAV designed for nearly 12 hours of endurance, operations up to 6,000 metres and payload capacity of up to five kg. In defence, Divyastra Mk-1 was showcased as a Made-in-India loitering munition under the UP Defence Corridor initiative, while MKU displayed advanced ballistic protection and night-vision systems. The exhibition highlighted UP's bid to host future-ready manufacturing and defence capabilities.