State govt joins hands with DFCCIL to boost freight run

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Lucknow: UP is set to leverage its dedicated freight corridor network to cut logistics costs and attract manufacturing and logistics investments, with Invest UP and Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd (DFCCIL) signing a three-year pact to strengthen multimodal freight connectivity in the state.

The non-financial MoU, signed on Monday, will seek to encourage industries to shift freight movement from road to a Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC), besides improving first- and last-mile connectivity. The MoU was signed by DFCCIL executive director (projects) Sandesh Srivastava and Invest UP CEO Vijay Kiran Anand in the presence of infrastructure and industrial development commissioner Deepak Kumar.

Invest UP and DFCCIL officials during the signing of MoU

DFCCIL will engage with industrial sectors and businesses to promote use of DFC for cargo movement, while Invest UP will highlight rail network and connectivity advantages, while pitching UP to companies looking to establish manufacturing units, assembly facilities and logistics hubs.

The two organisations will nominate nodal officers and prepare joint action plans. Invest UP will share information on regulatory provisions and infrastructure under the UP Industrial Investment and Employment Promotion Policy 2022, UP Warehousing and Logistics Policy 2022 and Gati Shakti Multimodal Cargo Terminal Policy.