

BrahMos made in UP giving Pak sleepless nights: Shah

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UNION HOME MINISTER Amit Shah on Friday said BrahMos missiles manufactured in a now-transformed Uttar Pradesh were giving “sleepless” nights to Pakistan, while the AK-203 assault rifle manufactured in Amethi has become a weapon against “Naxalites and terrorists.”

He was speaking during the inauguration of the fourth edition of the Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show (UPITS) in Greater Noida. Shah, who is also the Union cooperation minister, rejected critics’ claims about the state of the economy and asserted that India has not only maintained but “strengthened” its economic growth under Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s leadership despite global upheavals. “Amid such an atmosphere of upheaval and unrest across the world, despite numerous hurdles, India has maintained its growth rate. Not only has it maintained it, but it has taken it forward,” he said.

Speaking about the transformation in Uttar Pradesh under the BJP rule after 2017, he said, “Today, BrahMos made in Uttar Pradesh gives Pakistan sleepless nights. This is the biggest sign of change,” he said, recalling how India had effectively used BrahMos missiles during Operation Sindoor to avenge the dastardly civilian



Union Home Minister Amit Shah along with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath during the inauguration of the Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show 2026, at Greater Noida, in Gautam Buddha Nagar district

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killings in Pahalgam.

Six defence corridors being developed

The minister pointed out that six nodes of the defence corridor are being developed in Jhansi, Chitrakoot, Lucknow, Agra, Aligarh and Kanpur in the state.

“Investment is coming into these areas for the manufacture of defence equipment,” he said.

“The country’s defence production has now crossed approximately ₹1.78 lakh crore, and defence product exports have increased 56 times compared to 2013-14.

Today, India’s defence products are being exported to around 80 countries, with Uttar Pradesh also making a significant contribution,” Shah said.

He further said the government has signed free trade agreements with Mauritius, the UAE, Austria, a four-country European grouping, the UK, Oman, New Zealand and the European Union, which has expanded export opportunities for Indian entrepreneurs.

Shah also praised the ‘One District One Product (ODOP)’ initiative in Uttar Pradesh, claiming that it has helped create employment opportunities in the most populous state.