

# BIDA holds its first meeting, stresses on land acquisition

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## 'Global tender for firm to do BIDA planning'

**Jhansi:** Three months after its inception, the Bundelkhand Industrial Development Authority (BIDA) held its first meeting here on Thursday under the chairmanship of the agricultural production commissioner, infrastructure and industrial development commissioner and additional chief secretary, panchayati raj/horticulture and food processing, Manoj Kumar Singh.

During the meeting, a number of proposals, including land acquisition, were discussed while a few important decisions were taken. The meeting was joined by Jhansi divisional commissioner Adarsh Singh, DM Avinash Kumar and officers of related departments, including Bida, UPDA, mandi, agriculture, horticulture, revenue, finance, administration and police. After the meeting, Manoj Kumar Singh said, "The constitution of BIDA is a very important decision taken by the state chief minister after a gap of 47 years, under which a world-class industrial city will be made here. It will be considered as the Noida of Bundelkhand. Since BIDA's inception, its first board meeting was held on Thurs-

Infrastructure and Industrial Development Commissioner Manoj Kumar Singh, who is also chairperson of BIDA, said, "For the implementation of this project on the scale of Noida's development, we need to identify skilled workers and also need to hire skilled and capable manpower through outsourcing. A global tender should be called for selecting a company to carry out the planning for BIDA. To help expand the businesses of local traders and those in agriculture in neighbouring areas, transport and warehousing facilities should be provided and associated facilities should be expanded." BIDA CEO Amrit Tripathi said that Rs 1,000 crore has been transferred to the Authority from which work of land acquisition is taking place. Staff for the Authority is also being selected.

day. Number of decisions have been taken in which our major focus will be on land acquisition. In the second stage, we will be preparing the master plan by hiring world-class consultants."

He further said that 20 proposals for approval were tabled by the BIDA CEO Amrit Tripathi, including constituting planning, technical and legal cell along with construction of an office and hiring of staff for which approval has been given.

In September 2023, the state cabinet approved the formation of the Bundelkhand industrial development authority to bolster developmental work in the region, known for its backwardness. A budget of Rs 8,000 crore was earmarked for the functioning of the authority.

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The industrial authority has been formed on the lines of Noida, formed in 1976 for developing townships and will be started under the Bundelkhand Chief Minister Industrial Area Expansion and New Industrial Area Promotion Scheme. In the first phase of the project, an industrial city will be established by acquiring 35,000 acres of land from 33 revenue villages in Jhansi. The cost of the land is 6,312 crore. The project will also provide a filip to the upcoming defence corridor, of which Jhansi is a crucial node.

The cabinet had decided that the initial procurement of land for the authority would be made by the UP state industrial development authority, which will work as a mentoring body.