

Uttar Pradesh boosts self-reliance with indigenous ammunition production initiative in defence corridor



LUCKNOW: In a significant push toward realising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of [Atmanirbhar Bharat](#) (Self-Reliant India), Uttar Pradesh is advancing its efforts to establish indigenous ammunition production.

The Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) has provisionally allocated 43.5 hectares of land to M/s Navbharat Defence Systems Pvt Ltd in the Jhansi node of the Defence Industrial Corridor.

The project will begin with an initial investment of Rs 322.2 crore in its first phase, aiming to manufacture high explosives such as TNT, NC, NG, RDX, and HMX. These explosives will support critical military hardware, including missiles, guns, and artillery shells.

The initiative is set to create approximately 800 direct and indirect employment opportunities, providing a significant boost to the regional economy.

The land allocation process was completed with full transparency using UPEIDA's single-window system. Navbharat Defence Systems signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) followed by a detailed project proposal submission via the Invest UP portal.

Director of Navbharat Defence Systems Pvt Ltd, Dhananjay Singh, expressed his appreciation for the streamlined process, stating, "The transparent and hassle-free approach of UPEIDA highlights Uttar Pradesh's remarkable industrial transformation. We are grateful to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and the state govt for their support."

Singh told TOI that this is the first such venture. Previously, he was in mining and commercial explosive production. "Now he has switched from commercial to defence sector. And previously production was in Chhattisgarh state. Around 1000 people will get skilled employment in this industry," he said.

He added that the manufacturing will begin by the end of 2025. He said that the Defence Industrial Corridor, with its focus on high-value manufacturing, continues to attract investments and talent, cementing Uttar Pradesh's role as a national hub for defence innovation.