UP Defence Corridor Attracts ₹35,526 Cr Investments, Nine Units Operational

Kanpur, Jhansi, Lucknow Emerge as Leading Nodes Driving High-Value Investments in UPDIC

Lucknow, 12 March: Launched in 2018 and developed by the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA), the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC) is rapidly emerging as a key pillar of India's defence and aerospace ambitions. With six strategically located nodes—Kanpur, Jhansi, Lucknow, Aligarh, Agra, and Chitrakoot—the corridor is attracting significant investments under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. It is steadily transforming Uttar Pradesh into a hub of indigenous defence manufacturing, innovation, and global defence integration.

According to UPEIDA's latest report, UPDIC has received investment proposals worth ₹35,526.76 crore. Of the 2,040 hectares land procured, 977.54 hectares have already been allotted to industries. So far, 62 companies have been allocated land across the six nodes, with nine units become operational and lease deeds underway for 11 more.

Node-wise investments include ₹12,803 crore in Kanpur, ₹11,738 crore in Jhansi, ₹4,850 crore in Lucknow, ₹4,490 crore in Aligarh, ₹880 crore in Chitrakoot, and ₹607 crore in Agra—underscoring the corridor's rapid growth and strategic importance.

Leading players have already begun production. Adani Defence has started operations at its ₹1,500 crore Kanpur ammunition plant—the corridor's largest investment to date. In Aligarh, Amitec Electronics (₹330 crore) is producing electronic warfare and satellite systems, while Werywin Defence (₹65 crore) and Nitya Creations (₹12 crore) have commenced small arms and precision components manufacturing. Lucknow is emerging as a hub for advanced materials and missile systems, with Aerolloy Technologies (₹320 crore) producing titanium castings, BrahMos Aerospace (₹300 crore) assembling the BrahMos NG, and Sankalp Safety Solutions (₹14 crore) manufacturing safety gear. Kanpur's growth continues with A R Polymers (₹48 crore) producing ballistic materials and Adhunik Materials (₹38.58 crore) manufacturing defence textiles.

Announced in 2018, UPDIC is fast-tracking India's defence self-reliance. With plug-and-play infrastructure, expressway connectivity, and single-window clearances, it enables swift industrial setup. Beyond manufacturing, the corridor is driving jobs, skills, and MSME-led ancillarisation—integrating startups into the global defence supply chain. Emerging as a strategic hub, it is powering innovation, exports, and cutting-edge growth in aerospace and defence.
