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Foundation Stone of University in Aligarh

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Why in News

On September 14, 2021, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University at Moosepur village in Aligarh and observed the progress of Aligarh node of Defence Industrial Corridor.**

Key Points

- This university will become a major center for development of technology and manpower related to modern education and depression manufacturing.
- It is noteworthy that **Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh was a freedom fighter who formed India's first government-in-exile in 1915 in Kabul.** In this government, the President himself was Raja Mahendra Pratap and the Prime Minister was Barkatullah.
- Apart from this, the Defense Corridor will be developed in Andala on Khair Road in 1000 acres, for which the responsibility of development has been given to **UPEDA.**
- In the Aligarh node of Uttar Pradesh Defense Industrial Corridor, new industries are being set up for small arms, drones, aerospace, metal components, defense packaging, this will establish a new identity of Aligarh and the surrounding area.
- Under the Uttar Pradesh Defense Corridor, there is a plan to develop a defense corridor in 6 cities of the state. These six cities are **Lucknow, Kanpur, Agra, Aligarh, Chitrakoot and Jhansi.**